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4 Dead, 140 Injured In Singapore Riots

AMERICAN NEWSMEN INJURED: MANY EUROPEAN VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE

Singapore, Dec. 12.

Widespread rioting swept Singapore all day on Monday, leaving at least four dead and more than 140 persons injured. The continuing riots grew out of Moslem wrath at a court decision returning a Moslem reared girl to her Dutch mother, a Roman Catholic.

The rioting ceased early this morning.

Larry Allen, Associated Press correspondent, who was missing for several hours was later found to have been admitted to hospital. He was in a conscious condition but the extent of his injuries, suffered at the hands of the rioters, was not immediately ascertained.

Allen's companion, Associated Press Chief of Bureau, Tom Masterson, suffered a broken leg and bodily injuries. The car in which the two newsmen were touring the city was burned.

An Associated Press photographer, George Seow, earlier was dragged from a truck and his camera smashed.

Most of the persons injured in yesterday's riots were Europeans. Others were Eurasians, Chinese and Indians. Two dead Chinese were picked up five miles from the city. They were believed to have been Christians.

The battered body of a Briton was nearby.

All Europeans were warned to stay indoors through the night. British and colonial troops bolstered the Police in their attempt to quell the rioting.

The 13 year-old girl whose case touched off the disturbances is Maria Bertha Hertogh. The court, in turning the girl over to her mother last week, annulled her marriage to a Moslem school teacher.

British authorities last night spirited her from a convent to a a secret hiding place, heavily guarded.

The Moslem rioters had threatened to storm the convent in an effort to obtain the girl and return her to the husband or the Malayan foster mother who had reared her for eight years.

ROAD BLOCKS SET UP

Road Blocks were set up to prevent Moslems from marching on the convent of the Good Shepherd, four miles outside the city, where Maria Bertha stayed with her mother, Mrs Adeline Hertogh, until they were moved by the authorities.

The mob had threatened to kidnap the girl, kill the mother and burn down the convent.

Truckloads of rioters raced through the deserted streets screaming "Allah" and shouting Maria Bertha's adopted Moslem name, "Nadra."

The violence began on Monday morning when an Appellate Tribunal opened to decide whether Mrs Hertogh should take her daughter to Holland before an appeal by the child's foster mother and husband is heard. The Malayan nurse Che Aminah, the school teacher husband, Inche Mansoor Abadi, sought a reversal of the Supreme Court's decision to give the child back to her Dutch parents who lost her eight years ago during the Japanese occupation of Java.

That order had climaxed a two-year fight by Mrs Hertogh to win custody of the daughter she claimed was kidnapped by Che Aminah. The elderly Malayan woman has maintained that Mrs Hertogh gave Maria Bertha to her. A court charged Che Aminah with marrying the girl off in a manoeuvre to halt the mother's legal battle.

Police attempted to disperse the crowd around the Supreme Court building, where the Appellate Court was in session. The crowd grew rapidly to a seething mass of stone-hurling and bottle-wielding fanatics.

When the hearing was adjourned until tomorrow, (Wednesday) lawyers, Dutch and British officials were forced to barricade themselves behind the building's iron gates while police, carrying anti-riot shields on their arms, tried to drive

The Moslems threw even their wooden slippers at the police. Then began a wave of violence against all Europeans. More than 50 cars and trucks were overturned. Columns of smoke rose as rioters set the vehicles afire.

Helmeted troops armed with tear gas and rifles were called in when it appeared the thousands of Moslems might push through police lines to reach the threatened convent. It was then that the authorities decided to remove the girl to a safer place.

The mob had been stirred up when the Moslem priest at the big Sultan Mosque told listeners that the court's decision had seriously affronted their religon.

But late last night, Singapore's radio-broadcast a message from the High Priest calling for the Moslems to stop the carnage and declaring the religious leaders were not responsible for the Island-wide outbreak.

Thousands of suburb dwellers were marooned in the homes of friends and relatives in the city last night.

Moslems controlled the area in front of Kallang air terminal. The government moved in a Royal Air Force regiment to defend the airport.

The rioters vowed Mrs Hertogh would not be permitted to take her daughter home to Holland, with her. The child during the legal battle avowed her hatred for her mother and her desire to stay with her Moslem husband. But after the court annulled her marriage, she turned suddenly and went to her mother's arms.

In the hospital, Mr Masterson said the police were giving directions "when all of a sudden, the police scattered and there was none in sight." He recalled being hit on the head. He last saw Allen running down the street in front of the mob.—Associated Press.

U.S. Takes Action Against British Trading Firm

Washington, Dec. 11.

The United States government today took action against a British trading firm and four of its officers who arranged an illegal shipment of American molybdenum to Russia last summer.

The Commerce Department's Office of International Trade revoked the licence of the Industrial Specialty Company, Ltd., London, to handle any controlled American exports so long as the United States maintains its present export licence restrictions.

The order, which in effect cuts the firm off from business with American exporters in controlled categories of goods, also applies to four Industrial Specialty officials.

The OIT said an investigation showed that the company had trans-shipped 50 tons of scarce molybdenum from the United States to Russia via a British port last July.

The British firm had ordered 100 tons of molybdenum from an American exporting company last January claiming that the metal was for consumption in England, according to the official version here. Arriving in a British port the molybdenum was labelled "in transit" and was then put aboard a Russian freighter and shipped to the Soviet Union, according to the OIT.

The OIT withheld the name of the American exporter on the grounds that there was no evidence that he knew or had reason to suspect that the molybdenum was destined for Russia.—United Press.

Kashmir Demand

Damascus, Dec. 11.

Forty-five of the 105 deputies in the Syrian Parliament today cabled the United Nations asking for a "popular plebiscite" in Kashmir under United Nations supervision as soon as possible.

They also expressed support for Pakistan in the dispute.—Reuter.

LESS RUBBER FOR US CARS

Washington, Dec. 11.

The Government today ordered a cut on the use of natural rubber in new automobile tyres.

The National Production Authority announced that in January and February, manufacturers must reduce the consumption of natural rubber by 28 percent from November levels.

The cutback in natural rubber allotments will be made up by additional supplies of synthetic rubber.—Associated Press.

Nepal Statement

London, Dec. 11.

The Foreign Secretary, Mr Ernest Bevin, is to make a statement on Nepal as soon as Sir Esler Dening's report on his mission there has been received.

The Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Mr Ernest Davies, told the House of Commons this today in reply to a question. — Reuter.

Big Loss To Tories

The Hon. Oliver Stanley, former Secretary of State for the Colonies, and a key figure in Mr Winston Churchill's present Conservative "Shadow Cabinet" whose sudden death has been

Long Trail Is Ended

The organised mass immigration of Jews from China to Israel has come to a close with the arrival in Haifa of the vessels Negba and Kommomiut. Photo shows some of the elderly and sick refugees being taken ashore from the Negba in Haifa harbour. — London Express Service.

Man Shot To Death In His Bed At Diamond Hill

Another Commits Suicide

A northern Chinese around 20 who can only be identified at the moment as a Mr Lei had four slugs pumped into his back and was killed while he was still in bed at 195a Ha Yuen Liang, Diamond Hill at 9.30 a.m. this morning.

Another northerner of the same age, said to be one of the two men who broke into the house to do the shooting, was chased by villagers and he eventually entered a house and shot himself through the head. The other killer made his escape in the nearby hills.

The man who was killed is reported to be an ex-Chinese Air Force officer. Strewn around the room in the midst of his belongings were his cap badges and uniform.

Two unidentified Chinese entered No. 195a, Ha Yuen Liang at 9 a.m. After half an hour neighbours heard four shots and upon knocking at the closed doors of the house from where the shots came, saw two men dash out with guns in their hands.

They separated on being chased by village guards and villagers. One of the robbers who seemed to know his way around the village made for the nearby wooded hills and escaped. The other made his way into the network of narrow lanes and backstreets and, finding himself trapped, entered No. 327c occupied by a man and his wife and shot himself in the parlour with a mauser..

Sub-Inspector A. J. Xavier of the Immigration Department who was on his way to work was informed of the shooting. He was taken to the house where the man had shot himself, but was in time only to see him die.

He dashed to the house where the shooting first took place and found a man in bed, shot four times through the back. Lying near him was a .22 Browning pistol.

Village guards informed the police of the incident and in a very short while a contingent of EU and the CID was on the spot under ADCI T. Cashman.

HILLS COMBED

Small parties of police immediately began to comb the hills for the escaped killer. A cordon was thrown around the area and everybody found near the scene was held and questioned.

From the woman who owns the house where the man Lei was killed it was learned that he moved in only about 10 days ago. He gave his name as Mr Lei and had two suitcases with the house belonging to the landlady.

In the midst of the investigations by the police, a police whistle was blown and it was discovered that a young Chinese girl had had $50 snatched from her hands while watching the commotion. The snatcher was quickly apprehended by the detectives on the spot and taken to the station.

American Pilot's Daring Rescue

FROM LIONEL CRANE

Seoul, Dec. 11.

An American jet pilot who parachuted into Chinese lines after the engine of his plane had exploded outside Pyongyang was rescued today by another American airman who landed his light plane on a frozen field.

They took off over 150 yards of ice with bullets flying around them. It was the most daring rescue of the Korean war.

It was dark when the two men got back to Kimpo airfield. Lieut. Tracy Mathewson, the jet pilot, said to Lieut. Donald Michaelis, who rescued him: "I haven't seen your face yet, but you are my friend for life."

They walked off the airfield arm in arm.

Mathewson had been strafing the Red capital when he saw two Yak planes flying in the opposite direction. He was watching them when his engine exploded and fell out.

FELL OUT OF PLANE

"I don't know whether I was hit by another Yak or if my engine just exploded," he said.

He was left sitting in the cockpit with nothing in front of him. There was no time to use the mechanical ejector. He fell out of the plane and pulled his parachute cord.

He landed near the plane's engine and hid behind it.

"I could see Chinese soldiers 100 yards away," he said.

American fighters circled round and kept the Chinese pinned down with machine guns.

Michaelis who said he had been "having a look round," was flying a single-engined plane similar to the British Auster. He saw what had happened and waggled his wings to show he was going to land.

He tried to get into the tiny field three times and made it at the fourth attempt. He kept his engine racing while Mathewson sprinted towards him. He said, "Are you ready?" Mathewson said, "Let's go." And the plane took off right over the heads of the Chinese.—London Express Service.

STOP PRESS

TO CALL FOR CEASE FIRE

Lake Success, Dec. 11.

The Asian-Arab bloc agreed tonight to propose formally tomorrow a Korean cease fire and a peace conference on Far Eastern problems.

The cease fire resolution was approved unanimously by the 13 Asian and Arab nations that last week appealed to Peking to halt its offensive at the 38th Parallel. The companion resolution recommending a peace parley was approved by 12 of the 13.—United Press.

Marines March Out Of Hills

A BRILLIANT WITHDRAWAL

Tokyo, December 12.

A Headquarters release issued at 10.50 this morning said that as the main body of the First Marine Division marched out of the hills and on to Hamhung plain yesterday, carrier-based Navy and Marine aircraft swarmed over the flanks and rear to insure safe passage for the last elements to withdraw.

Performing one of the many specialised tasks for which they were specifically trained, Navy and Marine pilots raked the entire avenue of escape at tree-top level, blasting a total of 16 different troop concentrations, killing an estimated minimum of 500 Chinese Communist troops.

Skyraiders, Corsairs and Panther jets of Task Force 77 destroyed 30 tents and huts and 35 buildings used as hideouts by enemy troops. An additional 35 buildings were damaged.

One tank and 12 vehicles were destroyed. One railroad car was destroyed.

With the rapidly dwindling number of targets remaining in the area south of the Chosin reservoir, carrier-based Marine Corsairs destroyed two tanks and damaged one, destroyed three buildings while damaging two, and destroyed four trucks.

NAVY STANDS BY

One flight of Navy planes, flying in deep support of the ground forces, pounded troop vehicles on the road running between Kanggye and Huichon.

The ships of England, New Zealand, the Netherlands, Canada, Australia and the Republic of Korea continued with patrol operations on the west coast and stood by to render gun fire support of the ground forces. The United Nations Naval forces operating on the west coast are under the command of Vice-Admiral W. G. Andrews, who flies his flag in the British carrier, Theseus. Naval vessels of Thailand were out on patrol. The French sloop, La Grandiere, after a long tour of patrol and general support duty in Korean waters, is visiting the Japanese coast.

United States Navy ships deployed along the east coast continued to provide harassing fire support of the ground forces.—United Press.

COMMENT OF THE DAY

Displaying H.K. Products

THE Chinese Manufacturers Union is entitled to derive considerable satisfaction from the fact that, despite early difficulties and doubts, it has once again succeeded in organising an exhibition of Hongkong products. The annual show has become an important characteristic of the Colony's publicity-mindedness. Moreover it provides delight for thousands of residents who have a chance of seeing, arrayed in attractive form, the progress being made by our own manufacturers in a wide and varied line of commodities. Additionally, the exhibition enables overseas buyers and their representatives to judge on the spot the worthiness and marketability of our products—a method of salesmanship which has proved its value time and again here and elsewhere in the world. The Chinese Manufacturers Union exhibition of Hongkong products is, in fact, a miniature British Industries Fair, and because of this similarity it is of some consolation to know that Hongkong's manufacturing ability will be more accurately represented at the Salisbury Road site during the coming three weeks than it was at the BIF this year. For Hongkong visitors to the BIF at Earl's Court the three features of the Hongkong exhibition were (a) the indifferent selection of local products on display, (b) the somewhat inferior quality of the goods, and (c) their unattractive presentation. We do not wish to be carping in offering this criticism of Hongkong at the 1950 BIF, but to many who had seen how local products can be temptingly arrayed, as at the Chinese Manufacturers Union exhibition, the BIF effort was something of a disappointment. We believe the Hongkong exhibitors at Earl's Court did some very useful business, but we believe our show there could have been even more successful if the best of our products had been displayed in a more artistic manner. This year's CMU exhibition is on just as ambitious a scale as in the past. It deserves to be well supported by the general public and, we feel sure, will merit the enthusiastic patronage of overseas buyers from many parts of the world.

Great Honour Won In Defeat

THE United Nations forces have suffered a military defeat in North Korea, but in so doing no army has ever won greater honour. And it is some comfort that General MacArthur, their commander-in-chief, in report that although "we are being forced to give ground our fighting capacity has suffered little impairment." The brilliant manner in which the UN forces fought through the encircling Chinese traps will, in due course, become classic military history. Heroism, almost beyond human conception, has been displayed by American, British and other allied soldiers and not once during the last three tragic weeks has there been any thought on the part of any of the UN troops of surrendering to the vastly outnumbering Chinese. General MacArthur believes the UN command in Korea is now relatively secure which means, presumably, that the United Nations forces are now in a position to form a defensive line capable of successfully resisting further offensives by the Chinese. It is a military situation that could help considerably the present diplomatic moves to bring about a settlement in Korea.

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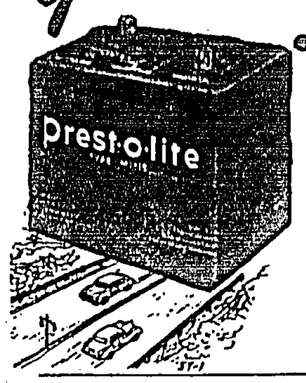

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Planning Europe's Defence

London, Dec. 11.

Military Chiefs of the Atlantic Pact countries will shape their final plans for the defence of Western Europe at a meeting here tomorrow.

These plans will be dovetailed on Thursday into the political and non-military aspects of the organisation at a joint conference of the Chiefs of Staff and the deputies of the Foreign Ministers.

Later this month the Defence Ministers of the member nations will meet here to approve the recommendations which will then go for final decisions to the Atlantic Pact Council, comprised of the Foreign Ministers.

The Defence Ministers are likely to announce the appointment of General Dwight Eisenhower as the Atlantic Pact Supreme Commander.

German participation in Western European defence will be one of the main topics at tomorrow's meeting of the military chiefs.

They will work on the assumption that the German contribution should not exceed one-fifth of the total Western defence force and that German formations may comprise up to a brigade group in strength of about 6,000 men.

The Military Committee will meet without one of its key figures—General Omar Bradley, Chairman of the United States Joint Chiefs of Staff Committee. The Korean crisis has prevented him from coming to London.—Reuter.

Rumourmongers Given Warning

Seoul, Dec. 11.

Seoul's Police Chief declared today that rumourmongers would be severely punished.

He said that rumourmongers in the Korean capital had increased as the war developed unfavourably for the United Nations forces.—Reuter.

MOUTRIES

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The Princess Arrives

After the banquet given in London by Queen Juliana and her consort, Prince Bernhard of the Netherlands, British and Dutch royal families joined a Government reception in the Elizabethan Hall of the Middle Temple. Princess Elizabeth is seen here arriving for the reception. She wore a tiara and necklace of diamonds. — London Express Service.

14 Drowned In Ship Sinking

Tokyo, Dec. 11.

Fourteen persons were drowned and 11 others were missing when a 725-ton cargo boat capsized in the sea north west of Kyushu Island on Sunday night.

Rescuers picked up five survivors and 14 corpses.

Hope for the remainder of the 30-man crew was slim. The cause of the disaster was reported by ships in the vicinity as high seas.—Reuter.

MOSCOW TURNS ON FINLAND

London, Dec. 11.

Radio Moscow today switched its cold war offensive against Finland, accusing that little country of attempts to "wreck normal relations with the Soviet Union".

The broadcast charged that moves were under way in Helsinki to convert Finland into a "willing tool of aggressive Anglo-American circles".

The charges were based on the efforts of the Agrarian Party Premier, Urho Kekkonen, to broaden the basis of his government and to include members of the Social Democratic Party in his Cabinet.

Quoting a report from the Soviet news agency in Helsinki, Moscow Radio said this was a sinister move on the part of reactionary circles to bring to the fore the former Socialist leader, Vaino Tanner, "mortal enemy of the USSR and a war criminal."

Diplomatic quarters here considered Moscow was "using a shallow pretext" to revive threats against the Scandinavians' Northern outpost.—United Press.

US Manoeuvres In The Med.

Augusta, Sicily, Dec. 11.

The 45,000-ton American aircraft carrier, Coral Sea and several other ships of the United States Mediterranean Fleet sailed into the East Sicilian port today.

They were said to be preparing for exercises between Sicily and Malta to test the co-ordinated action of planes and ships. A total of 19 vessels, including

Another Attack On MacArthur

London, Dec. 11.

For the fourth time in 10 days the House of Commons today heard a Government spokesman say that General Douglas MacArthur did not go beyond the United Nations directives in Korea.

The Foreign Under-Secretary, Mr Ernest Davies, said: "Of course, it is quite clear that General MacArthur acted within the terms of the General Assembly resolution of October, which authorised him in the military sphere to go ahead in the way he did."

Mr Raymond Blackburn, independent Member, had asked the Minister to make this quite clear. He wanted it made plain that all members of the Government were committed to support the General Assembly's resolution, he said.—Reuter.

AA Experts To Confer

London, Dec. 11.

Anti-aircraft commanders of seven Atlantic Pact nations and representatives of the American forces in Europe will meet here tomorrow for a three-day conference to discuss air defence problems, it was officially announced tonight.

The War Office, making the announcement, said that the European countries of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation have been building up their anti-aircraft defences based on experience gained by Britain during the last war.

Also present, in addition to the Americans, will be representatives of the Western Union Headquarters at Fontainebleau. —Reuter.

RIDDLE OF KOREA WAR

Chinese Failure To Follow Up Drive

Enigma Of "Mao's Ghost Army"

Puzzling British Staff Officers

With the British Forces in Korea, Dec. 11.

The British troops in North Korea, bewildered by the almost complete lack of enemy pressure against the Eighth Army in its withdrawal towards the 38th Parallel, have dubbed the Chinese Communists "Mao's Ghost Army."

For the last week men of the 27th and 29th Brigades have neither seen nor heard anything of the masses of Chinese Communist troops reported to have poured across the Chongchon River and to be moving south towards the Parallel.

Apart from the Northumberland Fusiliers, who were in action against guerillas earlier this month, the bulk of the 29th Brigade have still to fire a shot.

British staff officers frankly confessed that they were puzzled by the way the United Nations withdrawal has been conducted. They believe a firm line, defended by well-trained stubborn troops, might have been established around Pyongyang and Chinnampo, which could have wrested the initiative from the Communists.

The tacit admission resulting from the Allied withdrawal that the Chinese Communists are too powerful, too numerous and too aggressive for the United Nations forces has produced the fatalistic attitude of "we have had it" among the Allied troops, the officers said.

But the British are extremely confident that they can handle almost anything that the Communists can throw at them.

VERY CRITICAL

British officers are very critical of the way in which thousands of dollars worth of military equipment, rations, ammunition and petrol were destroyed in and around Pyongyang.

Trained in a hard school where stores and equipment have always been issued sparingly and taught to preserve even the smallest nut and bolt, the sight of thousands of gallons of petrol going up in flames, thousands of tons of ammunition being blown up, railway trucks crammed with clothing, spare parts and rations set alight and destroyed, jeeps and trucks has dismayed them.—Reuter.

BRITISH SURPRISE

London, Dec. 11.

Authoritative British military sources today expressed surprise at the Chinese Communists' failure to follow up their drive down the west coast of Korea south of Pyongyang.

This failure to pursue, they said, suggested the possibility that, for the time being, the Communists may be planning to halt along the 38th Parallel.

Alternatively, they may have been held up by the intensive United Nations bombing effort, by problems of supply, and by the unexpected resistance on the ground.

The highest admiration for the Turkish Brigade in Korea is being expressed in British military circles. It is considered that their magnificent stand was a most important factor in slowing down a portion of the Communist advance.

Particular interest has been shown because military leaders here had had no opportunity of judging the fighting qualities of the Turks since their determined defence of Gallipoli against British troops in the 1914 to 1918 War.

The latest reports reaching here suggest that the heroism of the Turkish Brigade, about 5,000 strong, has cost them very heavy casualties, possibly amounting to one-fifth of their total strengh.—Reuter.

"Ridiculous" Rumour Laid To Rest

New York, Dec. 11.

Mr Clement Attlee took off from Idlewild airfield for London at 2325 GMT today.

The Prime Minister went aboard the special British Overseas Airways plane after momentous conferences.

He termed reports that Mr Winston Churchill might become a member of the Attlee government "perfectly ridiculous." He added with some emphasis, "There is no foundation for that at all. They don't understand how things are in England."

He conferred for nearly an hour with leading British Labour Party leaders and with members of the British delegation to the United Nations. He declined to reveal the contents of their discussion.

Asked whether he expected to make a report to the House of Commons on Tuesday, he said, "I can't say I will at present."

A Foreign Office spokesman said, however, that he expected Mr Attlee to address the House of Commons to answer questions concerning his mission to the United States. Mr Attlee was forced to return to New York on Monday when snow conditions at Montreal disrupted his plans to board the special plane there for London.—United Press.

Scholarship For Japanese

Tokyo, Dec. 11.

The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation has awarded a scholarship to a Japanese for the first time, reports the Japanese Press today.

The recipient of the scholarship is Professor Yoshio Otani, of Tottori University, who is expected to express his desire to study adult education in the United States.

The scholarship gives about US$200 per month for a period of six months.—Reuter.

Crucial Front In Europe

Ottawa, Dec. 11.

The Attlee talks here and in Washington have shown that the United Kingdom, the United States and Canadian Governments are in agreement that Western Europe remains the crucial front for joint defence, the Canadian press news agency said today.

Informed quarters said that one result might be that Canada's 10,000-man special force would go to Europe, the news agency stated.

The reasoning behind this was based on the official belief that the worst thing that the West could do would be to get too heavily involved in Korea or any other relatively minor military front like it while Europe remained largely defenceless.

There was also the belief that the United Nations can, and should, hold on in Korea by keeping formations which are now there up to strength.

Thus, it would be no surprise here if the special force brigade group goes to Europe next year while the 2nd Battalion of the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry carries Canada's fighting banner in Korea.

The expectation here is that the Light Infantry will take another six to eight weeks to finish training in Japan or Korea and then be committed to the fighting line in Korea as part of the Commonwealth Brigade or Division.

An announcement of the Battalion's arrival at Yokohama is expected shortly.

Its place on the special force now training at Fort Lewis, Washington, has already been filled by the formation of a third battalion of the "Princess Pats." —Reuter.

Korea Executions: MP's Demand For British Protest

London, Dec. 11.

Mr Tom Driberg, Labour Member of Parliament, today called on the Government to protest to South Korea at the shooting of 56 political prisoners.

Mr Driberg said in the House of Commons that the prisoners were shot by South Korean police without trial at Suriwon, North Korea, on or about December 6.

Mr Ernest Davies, Foreign Under-Secretary, replied that those responsible for the incident were North Korean guards.

"The incident occurred in North Korea. The question of representations to the Government of the Republic of Korea does not, therefore, arise," he added.

Mr Davies said that he had been assured that investigations were being made by the Civil Assistance Authority of the Unified Command, who were doing their best to trace those responsible.

Mr Driberg suggested that the Minister had been misinformed when he said that North Korean guards were responsible, because the account which appeared in various newspapers was "an eye-witness account from the Reuter correspondent who was on the spot at the time."

(A Reuter's news message of Dec. 6 said that the atrocity was carried out by Korean civil police at Suriwon in North Korea. They were not further identified).

ARMY RESPONSIBLE

Mr Davies said: "These North Korean guards were acting on behalf of the Unified Command. Since this incident I understand that the American military police have disarmed those responsible for this."

Mr. Sydney Silverman (Labour) suggested that as the incident took place in North Korea the Syngman Rhee Government of South Korea would have no responsibility. That would lay directly with the United Nations Command.

Mr Davies replied: "Yes, those North Korean guards were acting for the Unified Command." —Reuter.

MANDRAKE THE MAGICIAN — By Lee Falk and Phil Davis

CYNICAL REACTION TO OFFER ON KOREA

Lake Success, Dec. 11.

Highly reliable American sources said today that Russia has offered assurances that Chinese Communist troops will be withdrawn from Korea if Peking is given an equal voice in the settlement of Formosa's future.

These sources said the assurances were given by Russia's Foreign Minister, Andrei Vyshinsky, to Roberto Urdaneta, of Colombia, chairman of the United Nations General Assembly's main political committee, at a private dinner at the Soviet delegation's official residence last Friday.

The disclosure of this Soviet attitude came together with reported assurances from Communist China that its troops will not cross the 38th parallel.

Mr Vyshinsky is reported to have told the Colomban: "Formosa is the critical issue, not Korea." He said Moscow could not order Peking to pull its troops out of Korea because "the Chinese People's Government is a sovereign government on its own," but made it clear, Latin American sources said, that Russia would assure a withdrawal of Peking's troops.

The first reaction of Western observers to the Vyshinsky-Urdaneta conversation was that it was another blow in the Kremlin's attempt to split the United States and her Western allies on the Far Eastern question.—United Press.

ILSE KOCH FEIGNING MADNESS

Augsberg, Dec. 11.

Ilse Koch, 43-year-old "Red Witch of Buchenwald" concentration camp, who is believed now to be feigning madness, was absent from her resumed trial here today for the murder of 36 camp inmates.

German doctors told the Court how Koch, who is also accused of complicity in another 145 murders and one attempted murder, flew into a frenzy in her cell last night.

She broke the furniture, shouted obscenities, skipped like a child and spoke of her "mortal sins." The German doctors, however, said that she reacted normally to questions and had asked: "Will you send me to the madhouse?"

Dr Rudolf Englert said that she was very subject to psychic conditions and had induced this breakdown to sabotage her trial. She would be fit to attend again after a short rest, he said. —Reuter.

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Declaration Of US Expected In Next Few Days

Washington, Dec. 11.

President Truman is expected to declare a "state of national emergency" this week, putting the American economy on a semi-war footing.

The declaration would not give the President many additional powers but it would bring home to the nation the urgency of the present threat of war and the need for sacrifices.

It would thus evoke the public's backing of any need to impose wages and price controls and, possibly, limited rationing.

President Truman will outline his proposals to the National and Congressional Committees of both the main parties at the White House on Wednesday.

According to present plans he will follow this up with a broadcast to the nation.

Imposition of drastic economic controls in the coming months should enable the United States to raise armament production and conserve for it many of the strategic raw materials for which members of the Atlantic alliance have been competing in world markets.

Senator Robert Taft (Republican, Ohio), head of the Senate Republican Policy Committee, and arch critic of the Administration's policy, was one of those invited to the White House conference on Wednesday.

NO DELAY

It will be the first time since the outbreak of the Korean war last June that Mr Taft, who won a spectacular victory in the November election, has been brought into the Administration's emergency consultations.

A White House announcement today said that the Congressional leaders were being called "to discuss matters concerning the proclaiming of a national emergency and related matters."

It added that the President "is particularly anxious now as always to continue and strengthen the bi-partisan approach to these matters."

Indications were that the Administration was coming round to the view that action in the wage-price field must be taken without much more delay. There were hints that something might be done before the week-end.

ECONOMIC CONTROLS

The White House said that Mr Truman had discussed the question of declaring a national emergency with his Democratic Congressional lieutenants this morning.

It would be considered again at an afternoon session with his economic advisers.

Mr Truman will also meet the National Security Council, his top Advisory Board, on steps needed for national defence.

Among the President's other callers today were the men he has chosen to handle economic controls and some of those who administered them during and after World War II.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives, Mr Sam Rayburn (Democrat, Texas) told the press today he assumed that Mr Truman wanted to get the Congressional leaders' reaction on Wednesday before announcing a decision.

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It added that the President "is particularly anxious now as always to continue and strengthen the bipartisan approach to these matters."

Earlier the President summoned his chief home front economic advisers to the White House for a conference. The conference was called as Mr Truman considered issuing an emergency proclamation to pave the way for stringest new economic controls.

Those asked to come included Mr W. Stuart Symington, the Chairman of the National Security Resources Board, members of the President's Council of Economic Advisers, Dr Alan Valentine, the Economic Stabilisation Director, the Price Administrator, Mr Michael V. Disalle, and Mr Cyrus Ching, Chairman of the Wage Stabilisation Board.

White House advisers said that wage and price controls were inevitable and much depended on how long it would take to set up the organisations to administer them.

The critical situation in Korea may hasten the build-up of these organisations.

Some of the President's principal economic advisers have already called for heavy new taxes and increased production. —Reuter.

Premier To Call Cabinet

London, Dec. 11.

The Prime Minister, Mr Clement Attlee, is likely to call the Cabinet and report to it on his Washington talks almost immediately after he arrives here by air tomorrow morning.

Mr Attlee may decide to give the House of Commons a full statement on his talks tomorrow afternoon. But if he is very tired after his trip the statement may be postponed till Wednesday.

The Cabinet met today and discussed final arrangements for the important House of Commons debate in the Washington talks arranged for Thursday.

Mr Winston Churchill, Conservative leader, and Mr Anthony, his deputy, will be the principal speakers in the debate, and Mr Attlee may make a second speech on the talks to wind up the discussion.

The House of Lords will also debate the Washington talks on Thursday.

Members of Parliament are waiting anxiously to hear from Mr Attlee the steps to be taken to speed up the defence programme.

They also want to know the full story of the action taken to seek a settlement on Korea, and what can be expected from the reported negotiations with the Chinese Communists at Lake Success.—Reuter.

Emergency In US

The hurricane which struck New York recently produced unprecedented scenes of damage and destruction. The greater New York area sustained great wind damage, floods and power failures. La Guardia airfield, pictured here, was inundated with hurricane-lashed water from Flushing Bay and the car park was completely submerged.—London Express Service.

BRITISH PLAN FOR MIDDLE EAST DEFENCE

London, Dec. 11.

British diplomacy is advocating broadening of Western defence arrangements in the Middle East, with other interested powers, including Egypt, sharing Britain's responsibilities.

Two alternative plans are being suggested here to meet the growing demand for fortified Western strategic posts in the Middle East. In the light of the Anglo-Egyptian conflict over the British-controlled Suez Canal base, they are:

1. Creation of an Anglo-Egyptian joint defence council to share full responsibility for the Canal base and defence of Egypt.

2. Extension of the North Atlantic Pact to Egypt by offering the latter associate membership and a link, together with Turkey and Greece, with the Mediterranean group of the Pact, which includes Britain, France and Italy.

3. This alternative envisages joint participation in the Middle East defence system by powers who have a vital interest in keeping Russia out of the Indian Ocean. This group would include, in addition to Britain and Egypt and other smaller Middle Eastern powers, six of the British Dominions.

Behind these considerations is mounting anxiety over the "vacuum" in Middle Eastern defence. Britain, supported by the United States, insists that British withdrawal from the Canal Zone now would be tantamount to an invitation to Soviet aggression. Strategists say that the Middle East—a glittering prize in itself because of its vital oil supplies and communication routes—might become a back door through which Russia may be tempted to infiltrate and cut through a Western lifeline.

EGYPT'S FAILURE

By demanding British withdrawal from the Suez, Egypt is accused of failing to realise these potential dangers to the West and to herself.

These are the broad outlines of the discussions between the Foreign Secretary, Mr Ernest Bevin, and the Egyptian Foreign Minister, Mohamed Salah el Din, which opened here a fortnight ago and are to be continued next Friday after a week's break for consultation.

Officially, little has transpired from the hours-long talks of the two Ministers, both sides being anxious not to prejudice prospects of an understanding by premature publication of still existing differences.

British diplomacy is anxious to reach a solution by way of compromise. It has remained strictly opposed to all-out evacuation of the base, claiming strategic considerations in support of its refusal.

Egypt has made it plain that nothing short of British evacuation will satisfy her ultimately.

Joint defence moves are proposed as a way out of the dilemma—as a middle course solution between continued British control of the Suez Canal base and outright evacuation.—United Press.

Deputies To Try Again On Austria

Washington, Dec. 11.

The State Department today welcomed the announcement that the Austrian Treaty Deputies would meet in London on Friday.

But some informants, in touch with the position, expressed the belief that there was little ground for hoping that Russia and the West could agree on the Treaty.

The date for the meeting was named by the Russian delegate, Mr Zarubin, who will preside at Friday's meeting.

The Deputies, when they last met in September, agreed to meet in the middle of December and the calling of Friday's meeting was no surprise, officials said here.

One of them said, "We are very glad to sit down and try to reach agreement on the treaty. Its early conclusion is one of our principal hopes."—Reuter.

Pro-Russian Bloc Seizes Leadership Of Vietminh

Hanoi, Dec. 11.

The pro-Soviet bloc has seized control of the rebel Vietminh party and is carrying out a drastic purge of nationalists who oppose the growing infiltration of Chinese Communists in military operations, rebel dissidents said today.

So far the purge has been bloodless, informants said, but the real trouble may come as more and more Chinese Red military authorities enter the country to take posts of authority.

Two followers of the rebel leader, Ho Chi-minh, said in an interview that the pro-Soviet bloc had put avid Communists in nearly all posts of power which Nationalist-minded rebels had held.

As a result of the purge, the informants said, practically all Democratic Party members who had merged with the Indo-Chinese Communists to form the Vietminh movement in 1941 had been expelled from posts of importance.

The sources said these and other Nationalist elements had objected to infiltration of Chinese Reds on the ground that if they continued coming into the country they would completely dominate Tonkin, the northern province bordering China.

POLITBURO FORMED

Communists in Vietminh have now set up a Politburo called Bo Tong, which runs the entire movement, and the Communist Party is operating openly in all Vietminh-held Indo-China, the informants said.

Formerly, the Party had stayed in the background.

The rebels said that, whereas Ho Chi-minh's picture used to be the only one Vietminh showed, his portrait was now flanked by pictures of Josef Stalin and of Mao Tse-tung.

Chinese Reds are now being called "brother", the informants continued and an intense propaganda campaign had been started to wipe out the centuries-old hatred and distrust of Chinese by the Indo-Chinese.

NOT TITOISM

The rebels warned against any wishful thinking that the purge of nationalists had weakened the Vietminh or created a split which might create a big dissident "Titoist" movement.

Such a possibility might be foreseen if the Vietminh drove the French from the country, but hatred of the French was so great that the Indo-Chinese would prefer even Communist domination to rule by the French or by the Vietnam Emperor, Bao Dai, whom the French sponsor.—United Press.

Cars Get A Ducking

Customs Seize Gold Bars

Turin, Dec. 11.

Italian Customs men, searching the night express to France at an Alpine frontier station, found 14 gold bars worth 12 million lire hidden in the ceiling of a third class coach.

They confiscated the bars, which each weighed a little over two pounds. The authorities believe that they are on the track of a widespread illicit traffic in gold bars between Italy and France.—Reuter.

Anglo-Egyptian Treaty Talks

London, Dec. 11.

A further meeting between the Egyptian Foreign Minister, Salah El Din Bey, and Mr Ernest Bevin, the Foreign Secretary, will be held next Friday, the Foreign Office spokesman said today.

The talks concern the Anglo-Egyptian treaty of 1936.

According to one usually well-informed source, the Egyptian Foreign Minister has again raised the possibility of replacing the bilateral defence arrangement with Britain by a form of association with the 12 signatories of the North Atlantic Pact similar to that entered into by Greece and Turkey.—Reuter.

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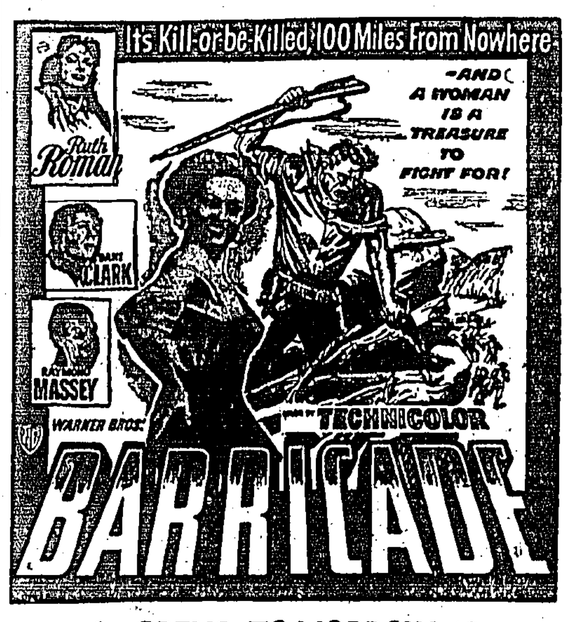

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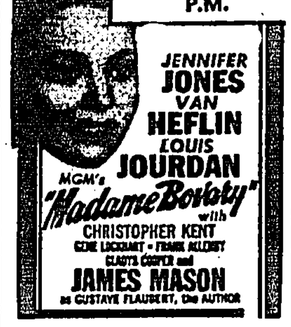

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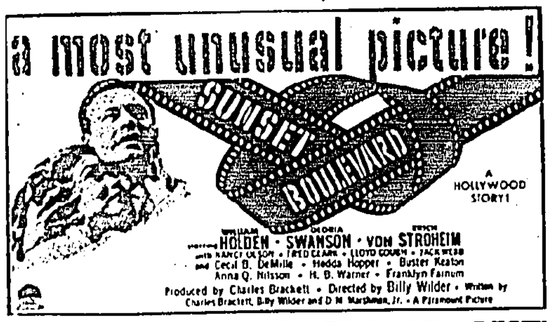

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Colonial Office Controversy Over Site

By E. B. TIMOTHY

London, Dec. 1.

The site of the new Colonial Office building in London, planned to go eight storeys high and to house a staff of 1,200, is the subject of a surprise controversy.

When the Public Offices (Site) Act, 1947 was passed for the express purpose of acquiring the site of the old Westminster Hospital, the proposal commanded general approval in Parliament. Today, there is a change in parliamentary and public opinion.

Recent demolition of the old Westminster Hospital has disclosed a magnificent new view of the Abbey (from the north-west) which many people feel should now be left unspoiled. The site is unique. Across the road is the historic Abbey. Nearby are the classical rococo Central Hall and the Gothic Middlesex Guildhall. On the other side of Parliament Square are the Houses of Parliament.

One of the leaders of opposition to blacking-out the rediscovered beauty of the site is the noted architect, and author of the County of London Plan, Sir Patrick Abercrombie. He says: "It is a question of amenities against economics. I would like to see this view kept open. I have always stated that there should be more clear space around the Abbey".

The Dean of Westminster, the Very Rev. A. C. Don, declares: "...In no better way could it be demonstrated in the year of the Festival of Britain that this country is not wholly abandoned to utilitarianism".

GROWING STORM

Lord Halifax, as High Steward of Westminster, has spoken of a view, which had been obscure for generations, being obliterated again "if the plans of His Majesty's Government are pursued."

A leading article in The Times contended that "expediency should not be allowed to take precedence over propriety and dignity".

The Government's recognition of the growing storm, but determination to abide by the original plan, was expressed in a Lords' debate.

It was recalled that as a result of the many new and great developments in the Colonial Empire, the present Colonial Office building had become inadequate, not only to house the staff, but to provide suitable amenities for the reception of the many visitors from overseas. Every possible structural addition to existing Colonial Office buildings had been made, but even so, it had been necessary to disperse the staff in five separate buildings in different parts of London, in addition to the main building at Downing Street.

Speaking on behalf of the Government, Lord Morrison said: "Surely, amongst the members of Your Lordships' House, as well as amongst Members of another place, there was sufficient imagination to realise what the result would be without waiting until the contracts were about to be let for the commencement of the new building.

Major W. E. Simnett put forward another opinion in favour of proceeding with the building —"...can we afford, in these days of urgent need for retrenchment in Government expenditure, to leave this costly site vacant and acquire another in the neighbourhood at further great expense?"

MOVING PASSAGE

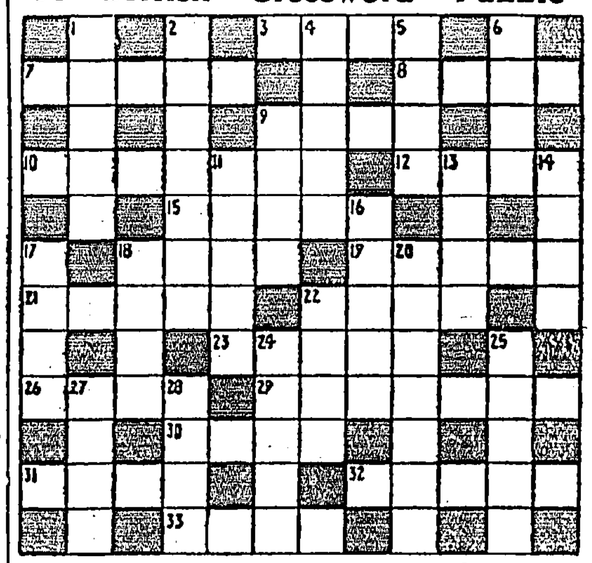
Designer of the proposed building is Mr Thomas Smith Tait, eminent private architect. His chief works include the Scottish "Whitehall" in Edinburgh, Lloyds Bank in Cornhill, and Unilever House. The published designs of the new building which have been on view at this year's Royal Academy and in the library of the House of Commons show a massive structure of ninety feet high. Judging by the lack of criticism, he has satisfied everyone so far as the building itself is concerned.

The Parliamentary announcement two years ago of the proposed new Colonial Office building included this moving passage:

"On this ground, facing Westminster Abbey and at the very heart of the Empire, a building will be erected in keeping with the historic surroundings and worthily expressing the high value which the people and Government of this country place on the friendship of the Colonial peoples".

This statement received wide publicity and appreciation in the Colonies; and fears are expressed that reversal of the decision to build there would produce an unfortunate effect in the Colonies.

A British Crossword Puzzle



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22 Violent anger.
23 Trunk.
26 Quarrel.
29 Boiled.
30 Leave out.
31 Stigma.
32 Lure.
33 Trading centre.

DOWN

1 Strongholds.
2 Workman.
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6 Dandy.
9 Garment.
11 Desire eagerly.
13 Victim.
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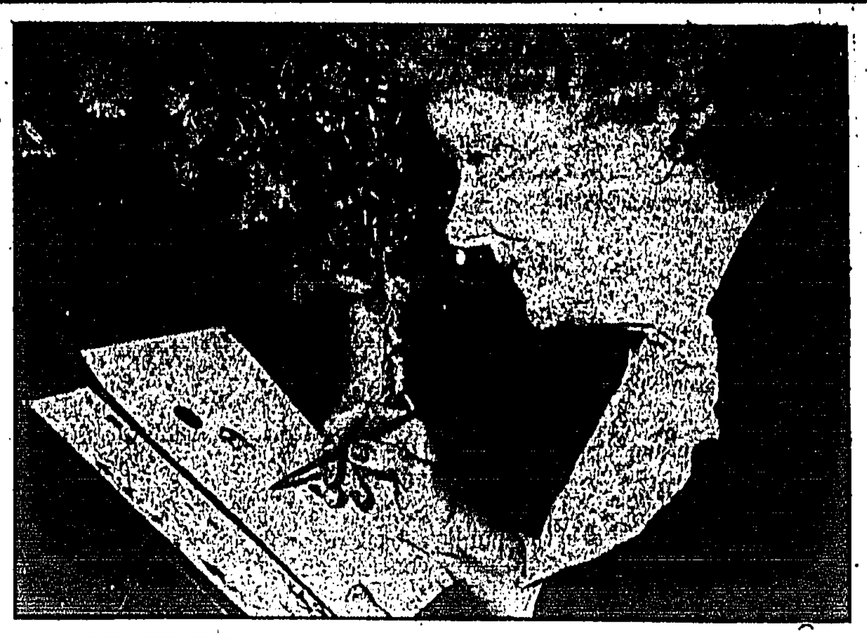


A PHONE CALL—AND SHE WAS ON THE WAY TO FAME

(From Our London Correspondent)

London, Dec. 1.

One day not long ago, Australian-born Mrs Stella Marks, who now lives in London, received a telephone call from Sir James Mann, director of the famous Wallace Collection. Although she did not know it then, that call marked a turning point in her career as a miniature portrait painter.

Sir James asked Mrs Marks if he could call on her and inspect some of her work. Rather mystified, but flattered by the interest taken in her work by so eminent an authority, Mrs Marks readily agreed, and in due course Sir James presented himself at her studio in St John's Wood.

He looked at some of her work and mentioned casually that a "friend" was interested in it. Would she mind if he borrowed two or three of her miniatures?

Still puzzled by this unusual approach Mrs Marks gave him permission to take the miniatures away. Sir James thanked her and departed.

For several days, Mrs Marks heard no more about the visit. She had not asked who Sir James's friend was—she thought he would have told her if he had wanted her to know.

Then Sir James telephoned again. His "friend" had liked her work and wanted her to paint his wife. When Mrs Marks hung up the receiver it was several moments before she could collect her thoughts—the "friend", she now knew, was the Duke of Edinburgh and she was commissioned to paint Princess Elizabeth.

Eventually Mrs Marks completed the miniature of the Princess—it now stands on the Duke's desk in his study in Clarence House. A little while later she was commissioned to paint a similar portrait of the Duke himself.

And now, Mrs Marks is just completing a miniature portrait of Prince Charles.

Our photograph shows her putting the finishing touches to the delicate work of art which will soon join her other two portrait's in Clarence House.

Mrs Marks painted the young Prince without formal sittings.

"I just strolled with him through the garden at Clarence House," she said, "and when I saw a suitable expression I just sketched it in my pad. The rest of the work was done in the studio."

Mrs Marks has just one disappointment about her lates' portrait. Bad light due to wintry conditions in London prevented her from completing it before the Princess left for Malta to join her husband.

WOMEN PREFER BRAINS

Women prefer brains to sex appeal. Especially intelligent women.

London University eugenics professor L. S. Penrose, after a long survey, says that "matings between intelligent males and unintelligent females are far more common than between intelligent women and unintelligent males."

Showing, he says, that brainy women are far more choosey than brainy men in their love life.

Brainy women, he also found, have a higher reproductive rate than male geniuses.

Penrose, whose survey is intended to cover the reproductive habits of humans, confirms earlier observations of scientists like Galton and Darwin that:

Geniuses and imbeciles are comparatively infertile.

The fertility rate rises steadily as the intelligence quotient falls in the population.

Biologists agree that idiots are almost invariably sterile.

PHOTOS OF NEW COMMONS FOR 26 COUNTRIES

(FROM OUR LONDON CORRESPONDENT)

London.

Sets of photographs of the new House of Commons for exhibition in 26 countries of the Commonwealth and Colonies are being despatched by the British Council. Included in each set is a special 20" x 16" photograph of the gift made to the House by the country to which the set is being sent.

As soon as they arrive in the colonies they will be put on show to the public, in most cases at British Council centres.

Each exhibition consists of 11 photographs including a number of general views of the new House, the Chamber itself, one of the Division Lobbies, the Prime Minister's Conference Room and the Press Room.

The exhibition also shows the opening ceremony performed by the King in Westminster Hall, and there is a photograph of Members reserving their seats in the new Chamber (the first occasion upon which permission has been given for a photograph to be taken of Members in the House). A photograph of the old Chamber before its destruction is also included.

The following are among the countries to which exhibitions are being sent and the gifts presented by those countries to the new House.

Australia: The Speaker's chair in black bean.

Barbados: Ministers' writing table and chair in oak.

British Guiana: Four triple silver gilt inkstands.

Ceylon: Sergeant-at-Arms chair in oak.

Cyprus: One members' writing table in oak.

Fiji: One silver gilt inkstand.

Gambia: Two silver gilt ashtrays.

Gibraltar: Two table lamps in oak with bronze shades.

Gold Coast: Ministers' writing table and chair in mansonia.

Hongkong: One silver gilt triple inkstand.

India: One entrance door to new Chamber in oak.

Jamaica: Bar of House in bronze.

Kenya: Ministers' table and chair in olive.

Malta: Three silver gilt ashtrays.

Mauritius: Ministers' table and chair in oak.

New Zealand: Two despatch boxes in purruri.

Nigeria: Furniture for one Division Lobby in iroko.

Northern Rhodesia; Two pairs of brackets for the mace in bronze.

Nyasaland: One silver gilt triple inkstand and one silver gilt ashtray.

Pakistan: One entrance door to new Chamber in oak.

Sierra Leone: Ministers' writing table and chair in African gold walnut.

Singapore: One table and five chairs for Interview Room in oak.

Tanganyika: One table and five chairs for Interview Room in iroko.

Trinidad: Ministers' writing table and chair in oak.

Uganda: Furniture for one Division Lobby in mvule.

Reopening Garbo's "Tomb"

Metro - Goldwyn - Mayer opened Tutankhamen's Tomb of Hollywood recently—Greta Garbo's long-closed dressing-room suite, unused since she made "Two Faced Woman" in 1941.

Garbo's untouched dressing-rooms were a sign of the respect with which she was treated in the days, when, with the exception of Charlie Chaplin, she was the biggest name that Hollywood could put on the theatre marquee.

No reporter ever set foot inside Garbo's dressing-rooms. Her own Press agent was forbidden to talk to her.

Walter Pidgeon once admitted he had worked for the same studio as Garbo for 15 years, but never had one conversation with her."

Last month, MGM decided Garbo's sacred dressing-rooms would be opened for blonde dancer Sally Forrest.

Recently decorators pulled down Garbo's plain grey curtains and put up folksy, tomato-pattern drapes, which Forrest thought would be cute.

Garbo, described recently as "tall, gawky and wearing expensive clothes that don't quite fit," is living in Beverly Hills thinking about an American film comeback.

CHILDREN DON'T WANT FILM FAME

Only two percent of the boys and five percent of the girls answered 'Film Actor' or 'Film Actress' to the question in a British Government quiz on cinema-going: "What would you most like to be when you grow up?"

Asked which of 16 film stars they would like to be, nearly one in seven said "none." But when asked to choose between nine categories of fame, 32 percent of the girls voted for being a film star and 27 percent for a musician or singer.

Boys plumped for fame in sport—45 percent as a famous footballer or cricketer, another seven percent as an athlete. Fourteen percent would like to be a famous sailor or pilot, but the M.P. and the soldier came low down with two percent each.

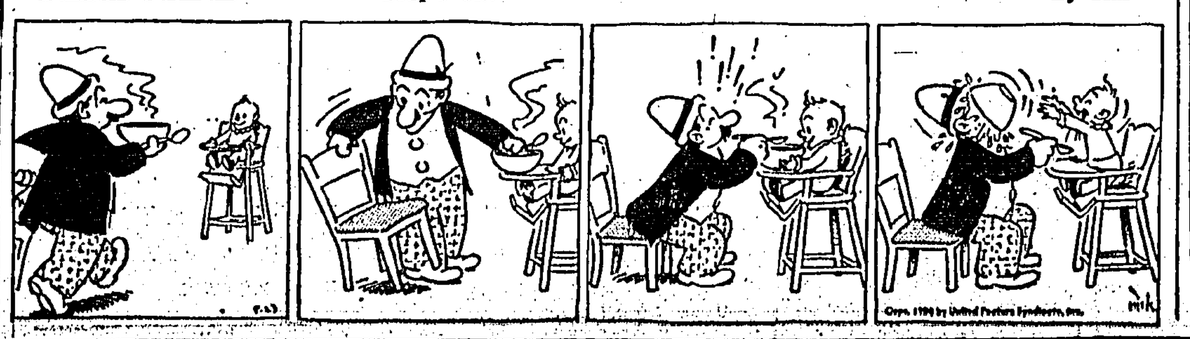
COWBOY FILMS

Cowboy and gangster films each got a 25 percent vote as the best liked by the boys. Girls gave musicals top place.

Margaret Lockwood was picked as favourite actress by boys and girls by big margins. Second on both lists was Patricia Roc, but boys put Betty Grable third and Dale Evans fourth, while the girls made Anna Neagle and Shirley Temple third and fourth.

Roy Rogers was top of the boys' list of favourite men stars, with Alan Ladd, James Mason and Johnny Weismuller following in that order. Girls made James Mason No. 1, with Michael Wilding, Roy Rogers and Bing Crosby second, third and fourth.

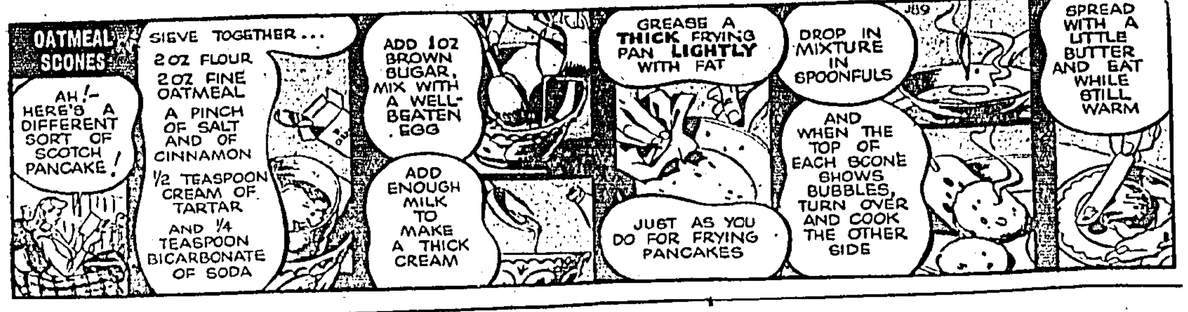
FERD'NAND — Soup's On! — By Milk



SIDE GLANCES — By Galbraith

"Even if I did know which way the poor little fellow went, I wouldn't tell you!"

WOMANSENSE



BRITAIN'S YOUNG FASHION ARBITER

LONDON.

PRINCESS MARGARET has an intense interest in clothes, very specific ideas of her own in regard to style and colour, and a keen desire to keep abreast of fashion as far as her own wardrobe is concerned.

According to those who are close to her in a clothes sense, she is "intrigued" if she feels she has influenced or set a style and likes to reorder to help a fashion register; in all of which ways she differs from most members of the royal family, who dress primarily to fit a role.

AN "OBSERVANT EYE"

According to houses at which Princess Margaret buys, she is extremely selective, has an observant eye for detail and some definite likes and dislikes which have to be considered when designs are submitted at the palace for her approval. Among the former, is a penchant for clothes with a close fit, but easy skirt line, among the latter a revulsion to bows, that is never overcome.

In the main, the Princess likes simple clothes for daytime and is aware that uncluttered lines are most becoming to her petite figure and tiny waistline. Like many girls of 20, she inclines to the "pretty" in accessories and mostly gets away with them.

Her own natural preference is for dark colours, although for many public appearances she wears pastels which dovetail with the light blues favoured by the Queen and Princess Elizabeth. Pink is becoming to her, and she wears it a great deal.

LIKES BLACK

Contrary to the usual royal custom of wearing black only in mourning periods, Princess Margaret has appeared in it on more than one occasion, notably for her attendance at her first dress parade, when she wore a black velvet coat from Norman Hartnell and a black felt hat trimmed with ermine tails from Aage Thaarup. (The Duchess of Kent is currently being dressed by Hartnell.)

One of her favourite suits at the moment is a dark brown corduroy velvet, and she frequently appeared last summer in steel gray tie silk coat with dress to match. They are not colours that are in the least traditional with the royal family, and the fact that she does frequently appear in them indicates that as time goes on the Princess will develop her own way of dressing, and substitute real elegance for teen-age glamour.

PREFERS ENSEMBLES

Princess Margaret is a staunch supporter of the ensemble theme; one of her defined ways of dressing is to buy a soft tailored wool coat with two related dresses, wearing them with a variety of accessories. She is fond of suits and dresses with matching jackets.

Her formal clothes today are always designed with a nipped waist and fitted bodice; she keeps her skirts in line with contemporary fashion, but tends toward fullness and away from tubular effects. In the country, where she is less frequently seen and photographed, she is said to favour twin sweater sets and pleated tweed skirts, while at the races and sports meetings she generally wears the simplest of soft tweed suits. One of them has a brief nip-waisted jacket and all-round pleated skirt which is youthful and becoming and admirably suited to her small stature.

SHOE-HAT MATCH

Princess Margaret generally wears matching hats and matching shoes in order to increase her height. Like all royal hats, the former are planned to show her face, and she likes height-giving, slightly "perky" trims.

One of her most publicised hats this autumn has been the pink felt tulip shape worn off the face, with a slight tilt to the left to match the parting of her coiffure and composed of one pointed petal at front and two at back filled in with flowers. New shapes submitted to her for winter are designed with a slight forward movement, but not enough to obscure the hair line.

From personal observation, Princess Margaret appears to prefer sandal shoes with half-inch platform and 3-inch heels for most formal occasions; she was quick to adopt the ankle-strap shoe and set a fashion for it with English teen-agers before it was generally worn. For spectator sports, she favours a tailored court shoe with about 2½-inch heel, keeping flats for real country wear. Her evening shoes are similar in style to formal daytime ones, she mostly wears an ankle-strap sandal with platform and high heel, frequently in combination gold and silver kid.

GLAMOROUS EVENING

The princess' evening clothes are glamorous in the extreme. The beautiful Hartnell embroideries look their best on the white or pastel tulle and satin gowns that are her choice for night, almost invariably styled with covered shoulders, tiny waist and bouffant skirt line. One of her prettiest evening gowns, in the opinion of most who have watched her at night, is the Hartnell model with candy pink satin bodice, white satin skirt and cascade of roses down either side. Among her less traditional gown is one in royal blue velvet with little white guipure lace jacket. For evening, she almost invariably wears a two-thirds-length white ermine coat, a little white ermine shoulder wrap or a white fox cape.

Princess Margaret's jewellery is generally restricted to two strings of pearls for daytime, with a diamond lapel ornament.

At night, she occasionally wears a light tiara with narrow jewelled necklace and bracelet to match, or just simply four strands of pearls.

Her hair style varies in length, but is almost always simply parted at the left and softly curled round her face. She has grown it a little longer in the past few weeks, and at the time of writing it curls below her ears and in the nape of the neck.

Norman Hartnell, now dressmaker to the Duchess of Kent, is credited with dressing Princess Margaret, Aage Thaarup with her hats, and H. & M. Payne, Ltd., with her shoes. Apart from unique occasions like the visit of the French President and Madame Auriol to London or the royal visit to South Africa, when brief descriptions are issued from Buckingham Palace press bureau, no information is available on Princess Margaret's wardrobe, or on any other member of the royal family. Houses that serve her faithfully abide by the rule that no information can be given about royal orders, and fashion reporters who follow her clothes preferences have to rely on personal observations.

Wool Jumper for School—A Boon To Mother and Daughter Alike

A JUMPER made of soft, non-scratchy woollen, in a becoming colour is a boon to mother and daughter, as it can go on quickly over a blouse, sweater or too-small dress.

Besides, such a jumper costs very little as fabric length needed is measurement from underarm to hem plus 3" for hem. ⅝ to ¾ yards of 54" or 60" woollen or the rayon-like wool, is ample for girls 6 to 8 years of age.

Mama's Old Skirts

This jumper provides an excellent make-over of Mama's old skirts, especially if they are carefully ripped and thoroughly clean.

Straighten the fabric. For bodice, use measurement from close up under arm to little below waistline, allowing 1" for hem at top. Tear this bodice piece off crosswise of fabric. Larger piece is for skirt.

Take bodice piece and measure and cut on crosswise grain, the chest measurement plus 2". (Take this measurement around body, close up under the arms.)

Shoulder Strap Strips

From remainder of the piece, cut four 4" lengthwise strips for shoulder straps. Use balance of strip for one or two pockets.

Stitch side seams of both bodice and skirt. Press seams open. To avoid bulk stitch seam binding to top of bodice, top of skirt hem and top of pocket. Turn 1" hem at top of bodice and pocket and slip-stitch.

Gather top of skirt, using two rows of gathering. Draw up threads to correspond with bottom of bodice. Baste bodice and skirt together, matching seams at left underarm.

For each strap, join ends of two 4" strips. Fold strips in half lengthwise, right side in; make a tube by stitching lengthwise raw edges together. Press seam open.

Turn right side out, placing seam in centre of each strap. Press. Turn edges of pocket to wrong side; press.

Put jumper on. It slips over the head easily so no placket is needed.

Pin straps to position. Bring them a little closer together in the back than in the front, so they will stay on shoulders.

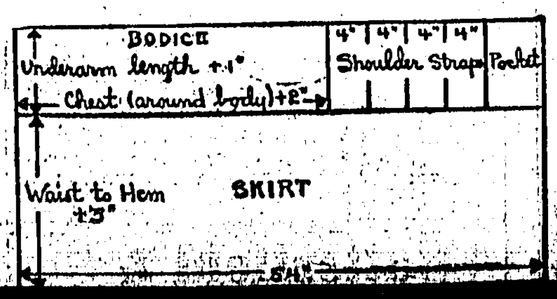
Pocket to Position

Pin pocket to position and turn hem. Keep it short—skirts too long are awkward for little girls.

Sew straps to hem of bodice, so no stitches show on right side. Slip-stitch pocket, catching seam turn only; make secure stitches at top corners of pocket to prevent pulling off.

Finish skirt hem. Press jumper and it is ready for wear.

As a child grows taller, hem may be let down and a ribbon belt inserted at the waistline to give needed length.



Zena Marshall, film actress, wore a parchment satin gown and a mink fur stole when she attended the premiere of "The Man in the Dark."

BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

Chirpie Received a Letter

—It Was From Some Friends Down South—

By MAX TRELL

"WELL," said Chirpie Sparrow to Knarf and Hanid; the Shadows with the turned-about names, "I had a letter from some very good friends of ours. They arrived safely. They found a delightful place o live in. They—pardon me for a moment, please. I have to eat a crumb!"

Chirpie had come to the windowsill where—as usual during these cold days—the children had scattered a handful of breadcrumbs for him. He had interrupted his crumb-eating to start telling Knarf and Hanid about the letter he had just received. Then suddenly he remembered that he was forgetting to eat.

"I'll be with you in another minute," he said after he had swallowed a crumb. Then he started hopping from place to place on the windowsill, pecking at all the crumbs he could find.

"What letter did you get, Chirpie?" Knarf said.

Delightful Place

"And from whom?" asked Hanid. "Who found a delightful place to live in? Who arrived safely?"

It was no use. Chirpie didn't answer until he was quite stuffed with crumbs. Then he wiped his bill on the edge of the windowsill (as though the windowsill were a sort of stone napkin), shook out his feathers, and finally said:

"Now, where were we?"

"We weren't anyplace at all!" said Knarf. "But you, Chirpie, received a letter from some very good friends of ours. Only you were at the part where you just haven't told us their names!"

"Oh, so I haven't! Well, I'll tell you later. Unless, of course, you guess who they are before I get through telling you what they wrote me in their letter. These friends of ours," Chirpie went on, "lived here all summer. They had a lovely apartment, if you'd care to call it that, in the sycamore tree at the edge of the road . . ."

Knarf and Hanid were thinking as hard as they could. Who lived in the sycamore tree? The squirrel? The chipmunk?

"Yes, they were here every day," said Chirpie, "darting about—busy as bees in a field of clover—"

(Hanid and Knarf were still thinking. Were they bees? Were they wasps or hornets? Were they grasshoppers?)

Chirpie sat on the windowsill talking about his letter.

"And how they loved to dig for worms! I never saw such worm-diggers! They dug for them morning, noon and night—but especially on rainy days, or right after a shower!"

"Chirpie?" said Knarf. "Did these friends of ours dig up worms to go fishing with?"

Never Went Fishing

"No, they didn't. They never went fishing at all. But they liked worms just the same. And they loved to sing! Early in the morning, just after the sun came up, what beautiful songs they sang! It was wonderful! No matter how sleepy you were—no matter how tired, or sad—their songs cheered you up!"

"Birds!" cried Hanid all at once in a joyful voice. "That's what they are! Birds!"

Knarf shouted: "Birds," t

Chirpie uttered a chuck chirp. "Yes, they're birds right. But which birds, eh?"

Chirpie didn't have long wait for an answer. For Kn and Hanid, remembering at o the one bird of all birds liked worms most, cried "The Robins!"

"Yes—it's the Robins! letter I got was from th They flew away to the So for the winter. And the le they wrote was to tell me all was well. They're living a fine tree. There is plenty sunshine, plenty of flow plenty of worms and plenty reason to sing-sing-sing all long. And by the way," Chirpie, "these breadcru are good . . . m'mmm!"

And he went hopping aro again, looking for any more he might have missed when looked before.

Rupert's Climbing Adventure—44

When Bingo and the forester have disappeared Rupert sits on a low bough and laughs so much that he can hardly explain to Beryl how his adventure finished. "Oh dear, oh dear," he gasps, "to think of all that worry and excitement I had over that noodle, Bingo! Climbing all those rocks, signalling SO making you crawl through th wood, sneaking up to the mouth the cave, trailing that man, and wasn't a bandit after all!" "Well, sighed Beryl, "it has ended happil so now let us help you to pull you boat ashore." And off they go the river.

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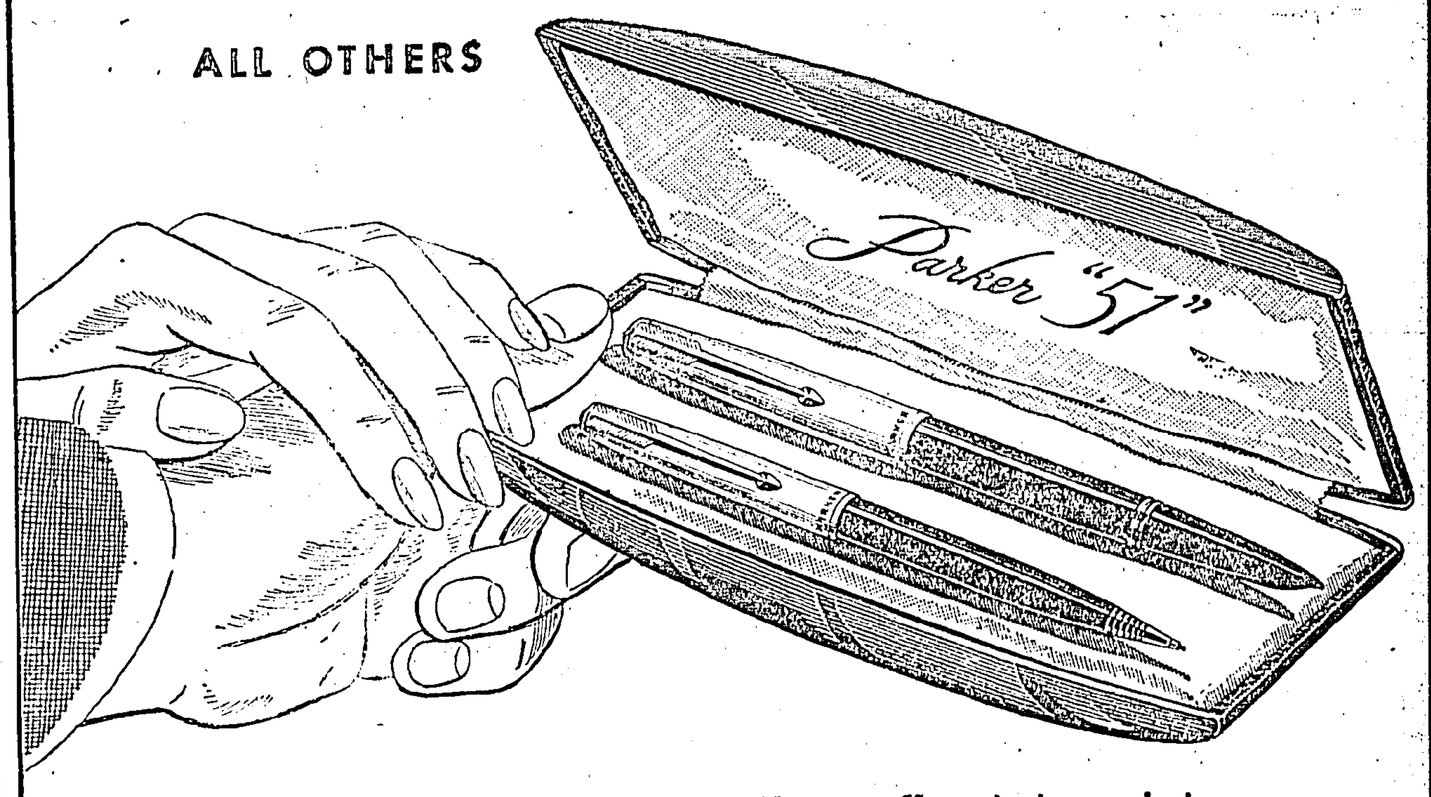

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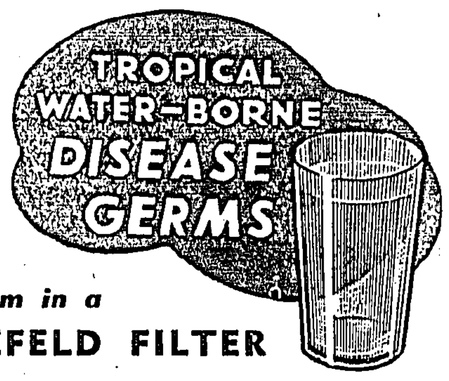

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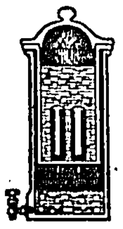

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CASE OF THE THREE REMARKABLE SISTERS

KATHLEEN, SUSAN, and little Deidre were three very remarkable sisters. They lived together upon terms of mutual affection and regard and their respective outlooks upon life were curiously similar.

Kathleen, who was the eldest, had enjoyed some experience of life, having been married twice; Susan the second sister had only been married once; while little Deidre, who was the youngest of the three, was recognised as the baby of the family.

The only business occupation upon which the sisters had ever been engaged was in the management of a tea shop, which they conducted together, but they were obviously a broad-minded family; indeed so broad-minded was Kathleen that she had for some years been living as the mistress of a wealthy manufacturer whom we will call Mr Robinson. Throughout this period Mr Robinson was residing with his unsuspecting wife.

As was only to be expected the association was a somewhat expensive matter, and during its continuance Mr Robinson had become aware of the existence of little Deidre, although he had seldom, if ever, spoken to her. When the liaison drew towards its close, the acquaintance with the baby of the family suddenly developed into a very intimate relationship and this was brought about in a remarkable manner. There were two very different accounts of that development.

Sudden death

According to the version told by little Miss Deidre, Mr Robinson appeared one afternoon at the family flat attired in garments of the deepest mourning. In heartbroken tones he told of the sudden death of his dear wife, and his grief was so intense that Deidre's heart was touched, and after a short interval she consented to marry him herself. The fact that Mrs Robinson was happily alive at the moment was presumably unknown to her.

Mr Robinson's account was very different. According to him he had met Miss Deidre one day quite unexpectedly in Oxford Street. She had pressed him to return with her to the family flat, which he did, and there intimacy had immediately taken place between them. Support for this latter view is perhaps to be derived from the fact that Deidre had to admit that there were some peculiar features about her suggested engagement.

In the first place she received no ring; indeed the whole affair was so completely wrapped in secrecy that it was never known to any one except her sisters and herself; but what was more surprising still, the marriage was to be postponed for 18 months, and inasmuch as Mr Robinson would soon be 70 years of age, a prolonged delay might seem to be a trifle hazardous.

Not surprising

It was no doubt in order to get over the disappointment caused by this delay that Mr Robinson installed Deidre in a small flat in Mayfair Court, where he could visit her at his pleasure. Susan, who, of course, was well aware of the prior liaison with Kathleen, told us that she strongly objected to this arrangement, but was overpersuaded by Mr Robinson, who told her she must be broadminded. As broadmindedness in such matters was an obvious attribute of all three sisters, it is perhaps not surprising that her scruples were overcome.

Undoubtedly Mr Robsinson paid handsomely for such privileges as he enjoyed; considerable sums of money found their way into the hands of one or other of the sisters; in particular there was a sum of £300, which Mr Robinson understood that he was paying in order to relieve Susan from some pressing need, but which Deidre thought was a present to herself. Whatever the reason for the payment the money was undoubtedly shared by all three sisters, who expended it upon a holiday in Germany.

During the next few months Mr Robinson was occasionally abroad on business, and upon his various returns he continued to pay his periodical visits to the flat at Mayfair Court until one day his association with Deidre was suddenly brought to conclusion in a most unpleasant manner.

The final visit took place on the 16th of September, a date which later became of considerable importance. Upon that day there unexpectedly appeared upon the scene a gentleman who was introduced as an ex-Detective Inspector from Scotland Yard. Being not unnaturally surprised at his appearance, Mr Robinson demanded to know his business, when the visitor replied that he was making enquiries as to whether Mr Robinson was keeping the flat as a place of assignation for himself and sister Kathleen.

Left the flat

Mr Robinson was furious at the suggestion and indeed, suspicious of his visitor, and his indignation was not lessened when Deidre interposed with the information that she was going to have a baby. To this Mr Robinson made the not unnatural reply, "For God's sake, let us deal with one thing at a time."

He left the flat, and from that moment never saw Deidre again. She wrote to him. He received one letter in particular dated September 17, the day after he left the flat so hurriedly. It was in these terms:—

"My darling Bobbie,—I have always trusted you, and I am sure it is not misplaced. Try and have a nice quiet week end, Darling, and do not worry. I am sure everything must come right in the end. With all my love and faith in you, because, Bobbie, there are so few people in the world one can trust. I do hope you believe in me.

Your Deidre."

He made no answer, and the next thing he received was a writ for breach of promise of marriage.

In a case in which a proposed Defendant is faced with disclosures of a very unpleasant nature and, in particular, has a perfectly good wife of his own living at the time, the motives for bringing such an action may well have been suspect. It was so in the case of Mr Robinson. He was faced with two alternatives. Either he could hush the whole matter up, and pay; or else he could confess the whole story to his wife, and obtain her consent to fight the action, and repudiate the whole claim which he knew to be dishonest. He chose the braver course. He made full confession to his wife, and with her approval decided to contest the action.

Not a word

There were already two suspicious circumstances about the claim, and not the least remarkable was the fact that no living person had heard a word as to the suggested engagement except the two sisters Kathleen and Susan. The other was the date of the suggested break. It was said to be September 16, the day when Mr Robinson left the flat, and when, it was said, he definitely refused to carry out his promise to marry. If that suggestion wer true and Mr Robinson had behaved in such a blackguardly manner, it was certainly odd that Deidre should have written her affectionate letter of next day hoping that he should have "a nice quiet week end." Moreover, there would be time to make some more detailed enquiries about the life and habits of the Plaintiff and her sisters.

Meanwhile, they upon their part were far from idle. No doubt they were fully of opinion that the last thing Mr Robinson would want would be publicity, and they decided to give him as much of it as possible. They started upon a regular campaign for that purpose. The first method selected was to make a public application in Court to fix a date for the hearing of the trial; upon that application all three sisters appeared solemnly, but quite unnecessarily, in Court.

Letter writer

A few days later some remarkable forecasts of the hearing appeared in the public press, accompanied by photographs of little Deidre, beautifully dressed and described in the following manner:—

"Beautiful, twenty year old photographer's model, who is bringing an action for alleged breach of promise of marriage against Mr Robinson, a wealthy industrialist."

Of course, if Deidre was really only twenty, at the time when she first met Mr Robinson, she would have been about fourteen, with her hair hanging down her back, and it was difficult to see where the press could have obtained this information except from the Plaintiff herself.

It may have been a disappointment to the sisters that this preliminary announcement did not produce some offer from Mr Robinson to settle the proceedings satisfactorily, and it may have been as a direct consequence that they decided upon stronger measures.

Unknown to them their movements were being strictly watched, and it was discovered they were staying together at an hotel in Ireland, where they were no doubt resting in anticipation of their forthcoming struggle in the Court. While staying at the hotel Kathleen, the eldest sister, hit upon the expedient of herself communicating with Mr Robinson, in order to warn him of the ordeal he must expect. No doubt she was the wisest choice as a letter writer, as her previous intimacy with Mr Robinson made it extremely unlikely that she would herself be put into the witness box; moreover, she had already had some experience of a breach of promise action of her own, in which, curiously enough, she had employed the same solicitor as Deidre. It seemed therefore that she could write in safety without fear of any subsequent risk of cross-examination.

Moving passage

Her first communications were apparently directed to explaining the enormous benefits which would accrue to Deidre if she was compelled to pursue her action. One letter in particular contained the following optimistic passage:—

"Her publicity agent will state in Court the exact amount of financial injury to her health and future life, but Deidre will make thousands of pounds and dollars in film contracts etc, which will compensate her in one way for the irreparable harm you have done her."

This moving passage proved quite insufficient to bring Mr Robinson to the desired state of mind, and therefore Kathleen was forced to have recourse to threats.

By this time, apparently, Susan had been selected as the one witness who should be called to corroborate the promise of marriage, and accordingly she had supplied the solicitor with proof of the evidence she would be prepared to give. And a terrifying document it was. No doubt, thought Kathleen, if Robinson once sees this he will collapse, and to ensure that he should see it, she posted him a copy.

Real sting

In it Susan had been at great pains to emphasise her baby sister's age; she described her at the time when she first met Mr Robinson, as "a child with her hair hanging down her back." But the real sting of her evidence came at the end. She stated that when Deidre knew she was going to have a child, Mr Robinson wanted her to undergo an illegal operation. Mr Robinson was therefore a criminal, and as such should be regarded.

As these documents were dispatched from the hotel in Ireland where all three sisters were staying together, the whole action began to assume a rather sinister aspect, and so far from having the desired effect, they only tended to strengthen Mr Robinson's determination to contest the claim and, accordingly, the parties duly appeared at the Royal Courts of Justice.

The action was tried by Mr Justice Charles and a special jury. Counsel for the Plaintiff must indeed have been impressed by the justice of his claim. He was almost poetic in his opening address, and expressed the view that there was practically no limit to the amount of damages which the jury might properly award little Deidre. At the same time he must have seen some elements of danger in Kathleen's correspondence because he castigated her unmercifully for disclosing Susan's proof of evidence, which he suggested she must have stolen, and even suggested that it should have been the duty of Mr Robinson's solicitor to have returned that proof unread.

From this denunciation it seemed extremely unlikely that Kathleen would be called before us, and as I was particularly anxious to know which of the loving sisters we should be allowed to see, I made some enquiries. Where was Susan? Susan was standing beside the Plaintiff in the witness box. Susan was asked to remove herself to another more remote position, which she reluctantly proceeded to do.

"Where was Kathleen?" Nobody knew. Was she in the building? Deidre didn't know. And then, a loving voice was heard from the body of the Court, "Here I am Darling," and up popped Kathleen.

This unexpected appearance, although gratifying as evidence of a deep affection, was apparently somewhat embarrassing to her sisters, particularly having regard to what Counsel for the Plaintiff had said about her, and Kathleen departed, to be seen no more. However, it was discovered that she had only gone as far as the Waldorf Hotel, 200 yards away, where she remained throughout the trial. She could easily have returned if she so desired, but, in spite of my repeated suggestions, she did not do so.

Deidre in box

When Deidre entered the witness box, she ably supported the speech of her own Counsel, and appeared a gentle timid creature entitled to expect and to receive the chivalrous treatment due to one of her tender years, and it was only upon the first question put to her in cross-examination that a small difficulty arose.

She was asked when she became 20 years of age, and as she appeared to have some slight difficulty in remembering, she was shown her birth certificate which had been discovered with some difficulty and which showed that in truth she was not 20 but was really 35. This discovery seemed to upset her greatly, and she was even more distressed to be asked if she had a publicity agent.

At first she said she had not, but then in broken accents she confessed that she had, although she did not know him by sight, and indeed this question of publicity was so abhorrent to her that she burst into tears, and begged me to desist from asking her such unkind questions. From this point she sobbed without ceasing, so much so that I was constrained to request her to restrain her tears as much as possible at this early stage, as there were so many more unpleasant things to ask her and it would be a mistake to exhaust herself so soon.

Very astute

Not unnaturally this observation resulted in an increased degree of weeping until the Judge interrupted by remarking that she was not really crying at all, as he had watched her carefully and there had not appeared one single genuine tear.

This unsympathetic observation may have had some effect, because then Deidre somewhat pulled herself together and announced that she had never had a publicity agent after all, and deeply resented any suggestion that this action had been brought to get money out of Mr Robinson. Upon which the Judge politely enquired, "Then why are we all wasting our time here in Court?" To which in turn Deidre asserted that all she wanted was that honour should be returned to her. Upon hearing this remarkable statement, I felt bound to point out that if she insisted upon having intimate affairs with old gentlemen, it would be impossible to comply with her request.

In spite of her timid simplicity Deidre was a very astute witness. Any questions which might possibly cause embarrassment were met by floods of apparently synthetic tears, or else by a total absence of recollection which she excused by explaining that she had been compelled to take a sleeping draught the night before. The visit to Germany was one of those occasions. She indignantly denied that the £300 had been obtained by Kathleen upon the ground that Susan was in some urgent trouble; that money, she said, had been a present to her, although it was admittedly expended on a pleasant holiday enjoyed by all three.

No ring

The visit of the mysterious ex-Chief Inspector was another matter upon which she displayed extreme innocence. She knew nothing about it, and any enquiries must be made of whichever of her sisters elected to give evidence. She did not know which one that was likely to be; she did not know why Kathleen had so suddenly left the Court nor if she was at the Waldorf Hotel, nor whether she was likely to come back; she knew nothing about her sister Susan's proof.

She had heard that her sister Kathleen had herself brought an action for breach of promise and that she had been represented by the same solicitor as Deidre herself. But she indignantly denied that the Defendant in her sister's case was a man of colour; he was merely dark complexioned. She agreed that she had never had an engagement ring, and that no one in the world, except her sisters, had ever heard of her prospective marriage, and finally she left the witness box in floods of tears with her innocence a trifle tarnished, and the unpleasant suggestion ringing in her ears that the whole case was nothing but a conspiracy by three extremely dangerous sisters.

The next morning it was apparent that it was Susan who had been chosen as the corroborating witness, and she loyally confirmed her sister's evidence in every respect. As she had the night to think things over, and as the Waldorf was only 200 yards away, it is perhaps not surprising that her cross-examination was punctuated by continual requests to know if Kathleen was still sitting in the hotel, whether her health was good enough to enable her to attend the Court if she so desired, and whether we might expect to see her. However Kathleen never did appear and we had to do the best we could without her.

Little older

Susan was far from tearful and indeed extremely cross, and her temper was in no degree improved when it was bluntly suggested to her that she was a senior partner in the conspiracy. She knew of the long intrigue with her sister Kathleen, and it was a little difficult to explain her acceptance of Mr Robinson's rapid change of affection to little Deidre. It was still more difficult to explain her broad-mindedness in approving of the installation of Deidre in the flat at Mayfair Court.

She quite recognised that Deidre was in fact little older than had previously been represented, but she explained that slight inaccuracy by stating that Deidre had always been particularly sensitive on the question of her age.

The advance proof of her evidence that had been purloined by Kathleen was a document she must have found extremely annoying. In it she had stated that she was a "femme sole"; that when she first met Mr Robinson she was a widow; that she had divorced one husband and that she had then married again, all of which romantic episodes were pure invention.

Picturesque

With regard to Deidre her proof stated that when Mr Robinson had first become acquainted with her she was a little girl with her hair hanging down her back", a somewhat picturesque description which, if true, might tend to show that little Deidre had preserved her childish ringlets a little longer than was customary.

The statement in her proof that Mr Robinson had suggested the desirability of procuring an illegal operation upon Deidre was far too serious to be explained by the possibility of mistake, so she gallantly averred that it was true, although by this time it must have been apparent, even to her, that the possibility of anything she said being believed was most unlikely.

It was however, with regard to the visit of the mysterious ex-Chief Inspector that she finally came to grief. Her explanation of this visit was indeed remarkable. On being closely questioned she was driven to confess that it was she herself who had arranged this interview.

The verdict

According to her she was at that time under the impression that Mr Robinson was in the habit of personally conducting her sister Kathleen to a house of ill repute, a practice of which she strongly disapproved. In her natural distress she had appealed for assistance to a gentleman who, by a curious coincidence, happened to be the same solicitor who was now conducting Deidre's breach of promise action, and she had instructed him to dispatch the so-called policeman to Deidre's flat in order, if possible, to frighten Mr Robinson into a state of mind in which he could be induced to desist from taking Kathleen to such undesirable resorts.

This truly amazing explanation was too much for any of us. With a last request for information as to the whereabouts of Kathleen, which remained unanswered, sister Susan left the witness box, feeling, I am afraid, that any chance of obtaining money from Mr Robinson had receded into the very distant background.

Kathleen never appeared. The fact caused me very considerable disappointment, as I had been greatly looking forward to asking her some questions as to previous experience in the matter of a breach of promise action enjoyed by this broad-minded family of sisters. But the Jury had already heard enough. Without desiring even to hear the evidence of Mr Robinson they returned a verdict in his favour and the action was dismissed.

THE CASE-BOOK OF SIR PATRICK HASTINGS, KC

CHAPTER 14

TOMORROW:

The Tragedy Of The Farmer

POP - - -

"THE HINGE OF FATE" - - - CHAPTER 36

Pneumonia Follows My Trip To North Africa

By Winston Churchill

In February, 1942, while the Tunisian campaign was being fought, Mr Churchill had a severe attack of pneumonia. The Speaker, Capt. Fitzroy, was taken ill on almost the same day and did not recover. President Roosevelt, as the article indicates later, was also laid up about this time.

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I WAS more tired by my journeying than I had realised at the time, and I must have caught a chill. A few days later, a cold and sore throat obliged me to lie up. In the evening of the 16th, when I was alone with Mrs Churchill, my temperature suddenly rose, and Lord Moran, who had been watching me, took a decided view and told me that I had inflammation of the base of a lung. His diagnosis led him to prescribe a drug called M and B.

The next day elaborate photographs were taken and confirmed the diagnosis, and Geoffrey Marshall of Guy's Hospital was called in consultation. All my work had come to me hour by hour at the Annexe and I had maintained my usual output though feeling far from well. But now I became aware of a marked reduction in the number of papers which reached me.

When I protested, the doctors, supported by my wife, argued that I ought to quit my work entirely. I would not agree to this. What should I have done all day? They then said I had pneumonia, to which I replied, "Well, surely we can deal with that. Don't you believe in your new drug?" Doctor Marshall said he called pneumonia "the old man's friend." "Why?" I asked. "Because it takes them off so quietly."

Week of fever

I made a suitable reply, but we reached an agreement on the following lines. I was only to have the most important and interesting papers sent me, and to read a novel. I chose "Moll Flanders," about which I had heard excellent accounts, but had not found time to test them. On this basis I passed the next week in fever and discomfort, and I sometimes felt very ill. There is a blank in my flow of minutes from the 19th to the 25th.

For me the days passed very slowly, but not without some enlivening diversions. A gentleman, Mr Thomson, kindly presented me with a lion, who sent me a beautiful photograph of himself, with good wishes for my recovery. "Rota" was the lion's name, and I had to invoke the aid of the Duke of Devonshire, who was President of the Zoo and who had been Mr Thomson's intermediary, to provide him with a home. He was a male lion of fine quality, and in eight years became the father of many children.

The assistant secretary, who had been with me in the aeroplane at Algiers, came with some papers. He was a charming man, highly competent, but physically on the small side. Indulging in chaff, I now showed him a magnificent photograph of Rota with his mouth open, saying, "If there are any shortcomings in your work I shall send you to him. Meat is very short now." He took a serious view of this remark. He reported to the office that I was in a delirium.

King's letter

I now received a letter from the King, who followed the course of the war with the closest attention, and was not without anxiety on some aspects of it.

Buckingham Palace.
February 22, 1943.

My dear Winston,

I am very sorry to hear that you are ill, and I hope that you will soon be well again. But do please take this opportunity for a rest, and I trust you will not forget that you have earned one after your last tour, and you must get back your strength for the strenuous coming months. I missed being able to have a talk to you last Tuesday, and I understand we may not meet next Tuesday either, so I am writing to you instead.

I do not feel at all happy about the present political situation in North Africa. I know we had to leave the political side of "Torch" [the North-West African operation] to the Americans, while we were able to keep Spain and Portugal friendly during the time the operation was going on. I know we had to tread warily at the start, but is there nothing we can do now to strengthen Macmillan's [and Alexander's

the two French sides come together?

Now I hear that from the American point of view the date of "Husky" [the landing in Sicily] will have to be postponed to the later one, whereas we can plan for the earlier one, which will be an aggravation of our difficulties in preparing the operation.

This fact will throw out all our careful calculations for convoys and escorts, and will upset our import programme again. I should not think of bothering you with these questions at this moment, but I do feel worried about them, and I would like an assurance from you that they are being carefully watched.

I cannot discuss these vital matters with anyone but yourself.

Believe me,
Yours very sincerely,
GEORGE R.I.

Not disturbed

I replied forthwith, and once I began dictating it seemed easy to cover the ground.

February 22, 1943.

Sir,

It is very good of Your Majesty to write with your own hand to me.

I do not feel seriously disturbed by the course of events in North Africa, either political or even military, although naturally there is much about both aspects which I would rather have different.

I have been reading all the key telegrams with attention up till two days ago, when I must admit I have fallen a little behind. I am sure that [Gen. Eisenhower's U.S. political adviser] Murphy's aim is to uphold Gi and to procure a quiet, tranquil Government for the 16m. people living in French North Africa. In this way alone would he gain any credit.

It is quite true that we have for this purpose and to safeguard our vital communications to work with a mass of French officials who were appointed by Vichy; but without them I really do not know how the country could be governed. Even in Syria we have done this to some extent. I do not myself see any danger of these officials changing their sides or obstructing our operations. Their own bread and butter depends upon their good behaviour, and possibly their lives as well.

The irruption of de Gaulle or his agents into this field, especially if forcibly introduced by us, would cause nothing but trouble. It is entirely his fault that a good arrangement was not made between the two French factions. The roughness with which he refused the President's invitation (and mine) to come and make a friendly settlement at Casablanca put him and his French National Committee practically out of court with the Americans.

As I told Your Majesty the last time we met, I tried all I could to bring the operation "Husky" forward to June. In this I was splendidly seconded by the Chiefs of Staff and all concerned. Gen. Eisenhower, however, expressed a decided opinion that a June operation would be "unlikely to succeed," and was for July at the earliest.

Our Chiefs of Staff therefore sent their paper to the Combined Chiefs of Staff in Washington, and I also telegraphed to Hopkins asking him to put this through, with the result that, according to my latest information, the Combined Chiefs of Staff — who are the supreme and official body through which command is exercised—have ordered Gen. Eisenhower to prepare for the June operation with the utmost zeal, and to report to them by April 10 what progress has been made. Thus you see the American Chiefs of Staff took the same view as ours did, and, if I may say so, as I did. That is how the matter stands now.

Best troops

As to the battle, I suspend judgment till we hear from Alexander. The 2nd American Army Corps sustained a heavy defeat, and apparently was deprived of about half its important weapons without inflicting any serious loss upon the enemy.....

I look forward to both the 10th and 30th Corps being in action in Tunisia by the middle of March, or it may be earlier. Nevertheless, matters may not wait so long, because if Montgomery feels the enemy is wilting on his front he will certainly use his strength against them.

I suppose Your Majesty realises that these two corps of the Eighth Army, comprising together about 160,000 men, are perhaps the best troops in the world. Therefore I look confidently forward to their entry into action. Moreover, we have Gen. Alexander under Eisenhower to concert and combine the entire movements. It may well be that the enemy is wasting strength on a false assumption and will give Montgomery an earlier chance.

I need scarcely say that no word of mine is intended in disparagement of the Americans. They are brave but not seasoned troops, who will not hesitate to learn from defeat, and who will improve themselves by suffering until all their strongest martial qualities have come to the front. What a providential thing it was that I perpetually pressed for Gen. Eisenhower to take the command, as the defeat of the American 'sdoo if it had been under a British general, would have given our enemies in the United States a good chance to blaspheme.

Confidence

Generally I feel that we may await with reasonable confidence the development of the situation in North Africa, and I look forward to an improvement before long.

Although I have been hampered by a high fever from reading all the telegrams, I think I have the picture truly in my mind, and I wish indeed that I could have given this account to Your Majesty verbally at luncheon. I send this instead.

With my humble duty,
Winston S. Churchill.

Stalin at this time sent me a film of the Stalingrad victory, with all its desperate fighting wonderfully portrayed, and with the final surrender of Field-Marshal Paulus and his appearance before the Soviet court-martial. The Russian Government treated this important German war chief with the greatest consideration, and he has been in their service ever since. A less agreeable fate awaited the endless lines of German prisoners, whom the film shows marching wearily forward over the limitless wastes of snow.

I had a cinema installed near my bedroom and was able to go from my bed to see it about Feb. 20. I was able in return to send Stalin, to the President, and to the Dominion Governments our own film, just completed, of the Battle of Alamein, called "Desert Victory." These photographs, like the Russian, were all taken by the operators under heavy fire and at some loss of life. The sacrifice was not made in vain, for the fruits of their work excited the greatest admiration and enthusiasm throughout the Allied world and brought us all closer together in our common task. The President replied:

The best thing

17 March 43

Dear Winston,

That new film "Desert Victory" is about the best thing that has been done about the war on either side. Everyone here is enthusiastic. . . .

I think I picked up sleeping sickness or Gambia fever or some kindred bug in that hell-hole of yours called Bathurst. It laid me low—four days in bed—then a lot of sulphadiathole, which cured the fever and left me feeling like a wet rag. I was no good after 2 p.m., and after standing it for a week or so I went to Hyde Park for five days; got full of health in glorious zero weather—came back here last week, and have been feeling like a fighting cock ever since.

Anthony [Eden] has spent three evenings with me. He is a grand fellow, and we are talking everything, from Ruthenia to the production of peanuts! It is an interesting fact that we seem to agree on about 95 percent. of all the subjects—not a bad average . . .

Model patient

Please, please, for the sake of the world, don't overdo these days. You must remember that it takes about a month of occasional let-ups to get back your full strength.

Tell Mrs Churchill that when I was laid up I was a thoroughly model patient, and that I hope you will live down the reputation in our Press of having been the "world's worst patient."

God bless you.

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(MORE TOMORROW)

THE SCIENTIST'S PROBLEMS IN TROPICAL REGIONS

By ELSPETH HUXLEY

well-known writer and broadcaster on colonial subjects, and author of a number of books on Kenya, where she has lived for many years.

TODAY the British colonies are faced, broadly speaking, with two main problems. The first is how to introduce modern forms of democratic government into peasant societies shaped by a different tradition without disrupting the whole society and creating a series of weak, chaotic and unbalanced states. The second is how to control and develop the often limited resources of these colonies so as to feed and provide for the needs of populations which have suddenly started to multiply at a startling rate.

It is easy enough to understand these population increases. The colonies lie almost wholly in the tropics. Tropical peoples have suffered for centuries from diseases and disasters which have kept their numbers almost stationary. Infant mortality has often been as high as 60 or 70 percent. On the one hand malaria, hookworm, yellow fever, sleeping sickness, dengue, and a dozen other deadly infections have ravaged them; on the other, such calamities as locust invasions, hurricanes, outbreaks of epidemics and periodic famines have taken a heavy toll of life.

New Millions

Science has today conquered nearly all the worst endemic diseases. The island of Cyprus, for example, is for the first time in its history, free from malaria. Infant mortality is falling fast. Forethought and transport have, for the time being, circumvented famines, and even locust outbreaks can, with prompt action, be nipped in the bud. Millions of people who would have perished now survive, and the very success of science and administration is creating problems as grave as those which have been solved. For the new millions must be fed, and more; demands have been awakened in them for rising standards of

satisfied if the natural resources of these regions are made to yield far more. And the soil, the water and the forests do not increase. On the contrary, they are shrinking. Today's first task is therefore to reverse this process, or else all hopes of progress will be doomed.

Both the difficulties and the favourable signs are set forth in a brief pithy book: "A Short History of Agriculture in the British Colonies" by G.B. Masefield (Oxford University Press). A lecturer at Oxford, Mr Masefield was a senior agricultural officer in Uganda, a country that has been intensively developed, over the last 30 years, for the benefit of its inhabitants, but is nevertheless threatened by the menace of soil exhaustion.

Cotton, first seriously introduced in 1904, proved an instantaneous success. By 1910 exports had reached 370,000 bales annually and the growers, nearly all peasant producers, were among the richest in Africa—so much so that at least 100,000 men and women trekked in from Belgian territory to work on African farms. But this intensive mono-culture soon began to tell on the soil. Yields began to drop, and erosion to become a serious problem. Now the main task is to persuade the peasants to carry out anti-erosion methods and, where possible, to adopt mixed farming, keeping a few cows and resting their land at intervals under pasture.

Here another difficulty intervenes—the tsetse fly. Nearly estimated to be infested with this fly, the carrier of trypanosomiasis, deadly to cattle. In spite of strenuous efforts in every territory, the fly is probably spreading, or at best being held in check. Drugs which immunise against the disease offer hope, but have not come up to their early promise. Until this fly can be conquered, millions of people must continue to live on a diet lacking in animal protein, and mixed husbandry, an essential step to soil improvement, must be ruled out.

Diseases of plants can be equally pernicious; and monoculture, the concentration on a single crop for export, gives diseases their opportunity. Panama disease in bananas provides a good example. Jamaica in the West Indies built up its prosperity on the export of a single variety, the Gros Michel. The disease first appeared in the island in 1911. In spite of drastic steps to curb the infection, such as the destruction of all banana plants round each infected one, the disease spread so rapidly that by 1942 more than one-third of all plantations on the island had been abandoned.

Remedy Sought

Scientists had meanwhile been seeking a remedy. The best hope seemed to lie in breeding a variety immune to the disease. To that end thousands of varieties were collected and the most promising crossed with the Gros Michel —a very difficult business, since this variety is normally without seeds. In 1932 the whole collection of seedlings and breeding stocks was destroyed by a hurricane. Scientists persevered. New varieties immune to the disease are now being grown, but the scientists' work is not ended, since they have not yet managed to breed a variety as satisfactory for eating and keeping as the Gros Michel.

A similar tale is unfolding in West Africa, where cocoa, first introduced in 1879 from Accra, proved such a success that before World War II the Gold Coast alone was producing over half the world's supply of cocoa. In 1936 a new disease was reported — swollen shoot. It spread like a bush fire. To check it, cocoa farmers were required to cut down immediately infected trees, and by the middle of 1950 more than nine million trees had been cut, for which the United Kingdom Government had paid more than £774,000 in compensation. But even this has not halted the disease. Fifty million out of the Gold Coast's 400 million trees are reckoned to be infected, and it is feared that the whole industry may be wiped out if no remedy can be found.

Striving Hard

Meanwhile a West African Cocoa Research Institute has been set up and scientists are striving hard to find a way of checking the plant virus which destroys the trees. Whether or not they will succeed is as yet an open question.

The moral of this story, and of many others in Mr Masefield's book, is surely that the great potentialities of the tropics can only be developed successfully if scientists are called in at the earliest stages to find out by experiment what crops can safely be grown and how, and what dangers are to be expected.

Today there is much talk of raising the standards of living of the so-called "backward areas". There is sometimes a tendency to talk as if this is merely a question of spending money. But money in itself will not discover the answers to such problems as the control of disease, nor will it persuade peasants and pastoralists to change the habits of centuries—as they must do, for instance, in such matters as the culling out of inferior cattle, which in places are ruining whole stretches of grazing land, and whose numbers they refuse to reduce because of their age-old

"Any appropriate sentiment you wish to have enclosed with it, sir?"

London Express Service.

Let's Clear Our Minds About The Scientists

By James Dow

THERE is a great deal of poppycock being talked abut Professor Pontecorvo. Though it is natural that his disappearance from Harwell should arouse wide interest, it needn't impress us so much.

Some people — perhaps most of us, at first—have been deeply shocked when "top-grade" scientists chose to go over to the Communist side of the world. On its face value, it is a slap in the face for democracy.

After all, we may say, scientists are clever, thinking men. Can there be something beyond our ordinary knowledge which attracts these scientists and allows them to see Red and like it, secret police, labour camps and all?

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This, of course, is bunkum. With all due respect, I'd sooner have a common man's opinion of Russia than a professor's. The fact is that the scientist, in front of whom we are too prone to stand in awe, is quite likely to be more ignorant than you and I about worldly matters.

A scientist, and particularly an atom scientist, is a specialist. He has had to devote to study and research in one particular branch of science, the time and energy which ordinary mortals spend in reading, talking and sometimes even thinking about life.

Moreover, if he is a physics student, he is a man whose mind and whole outlook is trained and focussed upon solving all problems in physical terms. He must find an equation or a formula for everything.

Such a man (and there was proof of this before) is apt to forget or even to discard the old spiritual values. There is no formula for God or for Freedom. And his mental armour against the false allure of the totalitarian system is not as strong as the ordinary British working man's.

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We are too often inclined to make this old mistake of confusing knowledge with wisdom. Wisdom is gained by living not by book-learning, and all-round wisdom is, by all reckoning, a rare thing among scientists and even among intellectuals, whether they are political or not.

A man, in fact, may be very clever and highly educated and yet have no sense.

So it is just as well that Sir Percy Sillitoe should take a closer look at Harwell. For absent-minded professors are as apt to take things away with them as they are to forget their hats.

Have no doubts then about any man who goes willingly to live in Russia. Rather he needs your pity.

He has reduced the freedom of his wife and children to the square root of X, and if X equals power, he will sooner or later find that power may equal evil.

THE PROOF UNCOVERED

A police matron bared a baby's bottom in a Houston, Texas, courtroom recently to untangle one of the tallest stories of the year.

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The Hartmans claimed the baby's mother was an unmarried woman who had agreed to bear the child by Hartman.

But the Hartmans couldn't produce the mystery woman, and Nurse Ellen Durgin testified that the baby was definitely Mrs Bell's.

Durgin said she remembered Mrs Bell's baby had a red birthmark on its buttocks. So the police matron undid 11-months-old Caroline Sue's napkin, showed the birthmark to the judge.

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Malaya Lacks The Cash To Consolidate Her Place In International Sport

By A. L. MCINTYRE

Singapore, Dec. 11.

Malaya is facing the prospect of losing what ground she has gained in international sport during the last two years.

With the next world Olympic Games barely 18 months away, Malaya finds she has no suitable hall to hold the 1952 Thomas Cup badminton tournament, at which she plays host to competing teams from the United States, Britain, Norway and Denmark among others.

And her athletes have been told there will be no money to send them to any more overseas athletic meets.

The flood of enthusiasm which followed the return of Malaya's team which captured the Thomas Cup in 1949 has died down. At that time badminton officials got together and decided to collect funds to build a suitably large hall for the 1952 Thomas Cup tournament.

Prime movers of the scheme launched the Singapore Badminton Hall fund in May, 1949 and announced a target of $300,000 (US$160,000). But up to now, through donations and street collections, only S$30,000 has been accumulated.

AT A DEAD END

The Badminton Fund is presently at a dead end, because not long ago the Singapore government announced it would build a million-dollar sports stadium which would incorporate a badminton hall.

But nothing has yet started on the ultra-modern stadium. It is still in the talking stage.

With every day that passes sports officials and badminton fans are getting increasingly anxious about the lack of facilities for the coming tournament.

Meanwhile, Singapore has Games Federation in a bid to take part in the Asian Games scheduled for next February and March in New Delhi.

But here again it doesn't know where it will find the money to send a representative team of athletes.

IN THE DOLDRUMS

Sports is in the doldrums in this country. The government collects entertainment tax of about 30 per cent on all gate receipts at games. It gives nothing in the way of subsidy to sports associations and societies.

The public has borne the major part of the cost for sending Malayan contingents to every overseas athletic meet so far—the 1948 Olympics at London, the Thomas Cup Badminton Championships and the British Empire Games at New Zealand. Now, it says, it can't do it any more.

Officials of the Singapore Olympic and Sports Council have criticised the government's failure to aid sports. They say if there is to be taxation, there should also be subsidies for sports.

Although there is apparent stagnation at present, sports officials are hopeful Singapore will be able to send a team to the Asian Games as a forerunner to the next Olympic Games.

IN WORLD CLASS

Singapore and Malayan athletes excel in badminton, weightlifting and cycling. Besides taking the Thomas Cup for badminton, a Malayan weight-lifting team won first places in the bantamweight and featherweight classes, a second place in the lightweight and a third place in the light heavyweight classes at the last Empire Games.

In preparation for anticipated entry into a number of coming world athletic meets, Malayan track and field aces have been taking special instruction from Geoffrey Dyson, famous British Olympic coach. Dyson was hired, also by private donation, to give a spell of coaching lessons during a short tour of the country. —Associated Press.

ARMY SOCCER

There were two surprising results in the Inter-Army Unit Zone football last week, the B.M.H. dropping their first point while R.A.P.C. lost to 173 Location Battery, RA, by the odd goal in three. B.M.H. drew 2-2 with A.A. Workshops.

Defeat has put the Pay Corps out of the League race and the Ordnance Depot from Kowloon, with two games to play, can become champions if they win both. It appears however, that the Medicals, providing they can draw with the Ordnance, should win the League.

The Pay Corps have completed their programme and the best they can do is to be runners-up: it looks as though the two leading positions will be occupied by the B.M.H. and the Ordnance.

Tomorrow's programme of matches is as follows:

42 nd LAA v HQ,RA, at Stanley; RAOC Depot v 173 Location Bty,RA, at Boundary Street; COBU v A.A. Workshops, at Happy Valley.

All matches commence at 3.30 p.m.

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Three Century Stands In Final Day's Play Between Commonwealth And Holkar

Indore, Dec. 11.

Bright and entertaining batting, a lively rate of scoring almost throughout the day, and three century stands featured the final day's play of the three days' match between the Holkar Cricket Association and the Commonwealth cricket touring team here.

The match was drawn, with the final scoreboard reading: Holkar 148 and 297 for four declared; Commonwealth 223 and 157 for two.

Holkar continued their second innings until 50 minutes after lunch, which left the Commonwealth barely two hours in which to score 223 runs for victory.

Mushtaq Ali and K. Rangnekar, the overnight batsmen for Holkar, added 82 runs in an hour this morning before the former was dismissed, the stand having put on 125 runs in 90 minutes.

Although Rangnekar, in audacious fashion, scored the faster, Mushtaq Ali, with his stroke play, dominated the partnership and he excelled in deftly deflected on-side placements and leg glides.

Rangnekar scored with strong hooks but many of his runs came from cheekily lofted strokes to unoccupied spots on the leg side.

Later Sarwate and Jagdale put on 105 runs for the unbeaten fifth wicket in 95 minutes.

The Commonwealth appeared to realise that time would not allow them to win and they did not attempt really fast scoring. The reason the score did mount quickly was probably due to the use by C. K. Nayudu, the Holkar captain, of some non-regular bowlers and they proved somewhat expensive.—Reuter.

Sheffield Shield

Melbourne, Dec. 11.

In their Sheffield Shield match against Victoria here today, Queensland, who were 231 runs for six wickets at the close on Saturday, declared their first innings at 270 runs for nine wickets and in reply Victoria had scored 213 runs for four wickets before stumps were drawn.

Ken MacKenna, left-hander who was 83 runs not out on Saturday, took his score to 111 runs but his first century in Sheffield Shield cricket took five hours and a quarter and was a tedious affair.

Victoria lost their opening pair cheaply but the batting was brightened with the arrival of Lindsay Hassett, Australia's Test captain, who knocked up an artistic 87 runs not out in 80 minutes. — Reuter.

FANLING GOLF

The draw for the first round of the Captain's Cup is as follows:

T. A. Butler v R. E. Rodger; J. J. Cowperthwaite v G. P. Hunt; R. S. Anderson v R. E. Lee; K. M. Almao v K. T. Walden; A. M. Nolan v K. A. Miller; R. D. Bell v J. T. Reid; R. Neudain v A. D. Duffy; P. M. Cotton v A. B. Coleman.

The first round to be played by December 31 and handicaps as at date of draw; the first named to be responsible for arranging match.

The qualifying rounds for the Junior Championship will be played at Fanling next Sunday.

PAKISTAN BEAT BELGIUM

Brussels, Dec. 9.

Pakistan beat Belgium by four goals to nil in the international hockey match here today. The half-time score was 2-0 in Pakistan's favour. The match was played before 6,000 fans, a record figure for a hockey match during the football season.—United Press.

FRANCE BEAT HOLLAND

Paris, Dec. 10.

France beat Holland by five goals to two in an international soccer match here this afternoon. They led 3-2 at the

LEE OMA TO FIGHT CHARLES FOR TITLE

New York, Dec. 11.

The World Heavyweight Champion, Ezzard Charles, today signed to defend his title against Lee Oma, of Buffalo, over 15 rounds at Madison Square Garden on January 12.

This will be his sixth defence since Charles was acclaimed champion after the retirement of Joe Louis.

Charles is to receive 40 percent of the gate and Oma 17½ percent and should Oma win he has contracted to contest a return bout with Charles within 90 days.—Reuter.

George Tribe To Play For Northants

George Tribe, Australian all-rounder and former Test cricketer, now in India with the Commonwealth touring team will join Northamptonshire for the 1952 season.

He has a contract for 1951 with the Milnrow Club in the Central Lancashire League, and while completing it I understand he will be qualifying for Northants by residence.

He will be the second Australian to join Northants recently, L. A. Livingstone, who captained the Commonwealth team last winter, played for the county last summer.

In four years Northampton have almost completely rebuilt their team, mainly by special registration—the polite equivalent of a "transfer."

F. R. Brown, captain of the MCC team to Australia, joined Northants from Surrey in 1948: K. Fiddling, the wicket-keeper, left Yorkshire in 1946 and a year later R. Garlick came from Lancashire.

In 1948 F. Jakeman (Yorks) and A. E. Nutter (Lancs)—who may return to league cricket this year—arrived. So did reserve wicket-keeper D. Constable from Surrey.

Thus eight Northants players come from different counties.

SPORTING SAM . . . . . By Reg. Wootton

ARSENAL LUCKY AGAIN IN DRAW FOR THE THIRD ROUND OF THE FA CUP

London, Dec. 11.

Probably the outstanding feature of the FA Cup third round draw today is the continued luck of the Arsenal club. Last season they won the Cup without playing out of London, being drawn at home in every round until the semi-final, when they had the luck to get the London game of that round against Chelsea, and then of course they won the final at Wembley.

Once again they are drawn at home, but Carlisle are quite happy about affairs. Their manager is Bill Shankly, a guest player with Arsenal during the war, who says he knows "all the tricks" about Arsenal and his team will be very hopeful.

Liverpool, last season's beaten finalists, also meet a Third Division side in Norwich, who are strong contenders for the honours of the Southern Section.

THE DRAW

London, Dec. 11.

The draw for the third round of the Football Association Cup matches to be played on January 6 was made today as follows:

Birmingham City v. Manchester City.
Derby County v. West Bromwich Albion.
Notts County v. Southampton.
Stockport County v. Brentford.
Rochdale v. Chelsea.
Brighton & Hove v. Chesterfield.
Bristol City v. Blackburn Rovers.
Mansfield Town v. Swansea Town.
West Ham United v. Cardiff City.
Hull City v. Everton.
Northampton Town v. Barnsley.
Manchester United v. Oldham Athletic.
Stoke City v. Port Vale.
Huddersfield Town v. Tottenham Hotspur.
Arsenal v. Carlisle United.
Leicester City v. Preston North End.
Bolton Wanderers v. York City.
Norwich City v. Liverpool.
Crewe Alexandra or Plymouth Argyle v. Wolverhampton Wanderers.
Charlton Athletic v. Blackpool.
Newport County v. Reading.
Sunderland v. Coventry City.
Bristol Rovers or Gillingham v. Aldershot.
Grimsby Town v. Exeter City.
Newcastle United v. Bury.
Sheffield United v. Gateshead.
Fulham v. Sheffield Wednesday.
Rotherham United v. Doncester Rovers.
Aston Villa v. Burnley.
Luton Town v. Portsmouth.
Queen's Park Rangers v. Millwall or Bradford.
Leeds United v. Middlesbrough.—Reuter.

British Pair Win All-Asia Women's Doubles Title

Lahore, Dec. 11.

Mrs A. J. Mottram and Miss Kay Tuckey, of Britain, today won the All Asia Women's Doubles title by defeating Miss Dorothy Head, of the United States, and Mrs Doleschell, of Austria, 6-2, 3-6, 6-4.

In the semi-finals of the mixed doubles, Miss Rita Anderson, of the United States, and Jaroslav Drobny, the self-exiled Czech star playing for Egypt, beat Miss Jean Ingram, of Britain, and John Link, of Holland, by 6-2, 6-3, while Tony Mottram and Mrs Mottram (Britain) beat Miss Dorothy Head (US) and Alford Huber (Austria) by 6-3, 6-2.

Mrs Mottram also reached the Women's Singles final when she beat Mrs Doleschell 6-3, 6-2.—Reuter.

Rugger Results

London, Dec. 11.

The following were the results of Rugby Union games played today:

Cardiff (at home) beat Cambridge University by six points to nil.

United Hospitals (at Richmond) drew with Dublin Hospitals by three points to three.—

Liverpool's task is probably harder than Arsenal's because Norwich are unbeaten at home this season and have not lost any of their last 18 games.

UP TO THE THIRD

As all the non-League clubs have been eliminated it is up to Third Division sides to provide any shocks—if any.

As all of them are at home this is quite possible. Rotherham, for example, are the leaders of the Northern Section and entertain Doncaster, who were the rivals for promotion to Division II last season.

Stockport, whose good show in last year's competition earned them exemption until the third round this year, may well beat Brentford at Stockport and there are several other Third Division teams with bright prospects.

Some of the best known First Division teams have to travel, notably Tottenham Hotspur, who will recall that a winning sequence was broken at Huddersfield two weeks ago.

Birmingham and Manchester City will not be strange to each other, for they meet in League games twice during Christmas and so meet three times within a fortnight.

Altogether it is an interesting draw, with several games far from being certainties for the side in the higher sphere of the League.—Reuter.

Effort To Bar Joe Louis From Ring

Philadelphia, Dec. 11.

Mr John da Grosa, Pennsylvania Athletic Commissioner, wants to bar Joe Louis from any more fights "in the best interest of boxing" and of the ex-champion himself.

Mr da Grosa disclosed last night he has started a move to keep Louis out of the ring in Pennsylvania and will ask the National Boxing Association to do likewise.

He asserted the aging Louis' scheduled fight with Freddie Beshore in Detroit on January 3 should be called off for the "health, welfare and future" of the one-time Brown Bomber. He said the three-man Pennsylvania Athletic Commission will review the matter to-day and probably send a petition to the NBA Commissioner, Mr Abe Greene.

From his New Jersey home Greene commented: "I would not want to be a party to barring Joe Louis from boxing. He has meant too much to the sport and has made a magnificent contribution both in and out of the ring. The furthest I would want to go would be perhaps to call on Joe personally to keep his brilliant record and reputation as a great fighter untarnished."

No word was forthcoming from Louis.—Associated Press.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

NOTICE TO MEMBERS

THIRTEENTH RACE MEETING

Saturday, 16th December, 1950.

There are eight races. The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m. and the First Race will be run at 2.00 p.m.

Through Tickets (8 Races—$16.00) may be obtained at the Compradore Office of the Treasurers, 1st floor, Telephone House, also tickets for the Cash Sweep on the last race of the Meeting as well as the Special Cash Sweep on the "Pearce Memorial Cup" scheduled to be run on 28th February, 1951.

To avoid congestion at the Club's Offices at Telephone House non-members are requested to purchase their sweep tickets at the Club's Branch Offices at:—

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MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURE

Members and guests are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the Meeting.

NO ONE WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Badges admitting ladies not in possession of Brooches for Season tickets and gentlemen, non-members of the Club, to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at $10.00 including tax, for ladies or gentlemen are obtainable through the Secretary on the written or personal introduction of a member, such member will be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for payment of all chits etc.

Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will NOT be on sale at the RACE COURSE.

The Branch Offices and the Treasurers' Compradore Office will close at 11.00 a.m. and the Secretary's Office at 11.45 a.m. The Treasurers' Compradore Office and the Secretary's Office are situated at 1st Floor, Telephone House.

A limited number of tiffins will be obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Bar (Tel: 27818).

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The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is $2 including tax for all persons including ladies, and is payable at the Gate.

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The Pentangular Rugby Tournament

COMFORTABLE WIN FOR ARMY OVER THE POLICE; NAVY HAS TO FIGHT ALL THE WAY TO BEAT THE RAF

By "AXIOM"

The powerful Army fifteen, as was expected, won comfortably against the Police in the Pentangular Rugby Tournament on Saturday whereas a sadly depleted Navy side had to fight all the way to overcome a very plucky RAF team. The strong and gusty wind hampered good open movements although the Army did not seem to be effected to the same extent as the other fifteens.

Ken Wilson, made one of his all to rare appearances at the base of the scrum and gave a polished display, sending his threes off in fine style. The Police backs were completely overshadowed by this combine, although they struggled manfully until the closing minutes when a series of defensive blunders allowed the soldiers to register three quick scores.

The lawmen kicked off and were soon in trouble through not taking advantage of the elements and it wasn't long before Henderson chalked up the first score. The lawmen continued to persevere and some grim tackling by Wright-Nooth, Slevin and Tebbut held the first half score to 12 points.

Clayden and Laws indulged in some pretty passing bouts after the interval which resulted in McNabb scoring a picture try, and the former brought his total to three with a brilliant individual effort.

The Police, led by Wright—Nooth and Dawson, came away with several foot-rushes to relieve the situation and on one occasion went close to scoring but just could'nt apply the finishing touch and the game ended with the Army side well on top.

Thomas, Wilson, and Henderson backed up splendidly in attack and were chiefly responsible for their sides' comfortable win. The Lawmen need not be discouraged by their display, they were up against fitter and better equipped opponents and, providing they take a leaf out of the Army book in team work, will do much better against other sides in the tournament.

NAVY-RAF

The Navy have to thank Bence, whose contribution of nine points enabled the sailors to record their first tournament win. The Airmen took full advantage of a disorganised back line and often had the Navy in trouble.

Play commenced briskly and swung from end to end before Francis dropped a goal to put the Navy ahead. The Airmen stormed back following this reverse and Hodgekinson levelled matters by crossing the line after breaking from a loose maul.

Shortly after Gaden put the RAF in the lead with an opportunist drop. Williams, however, ran strongly to level matters just before the interval.

Bence kicked a grand penalty to restore the Sailors' lead, but the Airmen, now handicapped by a strong wind, continued to fight back and again levelled the score from a well controlled dribble.

Following a bout of midfield play Bence dived across but was unable to bring out maximum points. The Navy, making use of the wind, returned to the RAF twenty-five and Bence made the game safe with another brilliant penalty convert.

The Airmen continue to show welcome improvement, especially Norris, Davon and the halfbacks, who were well supported by Peyton-Bruhl, England and Hodgekinson.

A very strong Club "A" side surprisingly went down to the 58th Med. Rgt. RA, who were full measure for their 13-3 win. The civilians did not relish the hard ground and except for a bright dash by Stewart seldom featured in any combined movements.

Runcie, at full-back, and Roberts in the centre were perhaps the best of a back division which saw little of the ball due to the whole hearted efforts of the soldiers' pack. A return match on a more suitable ground would be well worth watching.

HOME SOCCER PROGRAMME

The following is the programme of Home Football League matches for Saturday, December 16:

First Division

Arsenal	v	Burnley
Blackpool	v	Tottenham
Bolton	v	Charlton
Derby	v	Sunderland
Fulham	v	Manchester U.
Huddersfield	v	Everton
Liverpool	v	Wolves
Middlesbrough	v	Portsmouth
Newcastle	v	Stoke
Sheffield W.	v	Chelsea
West Brom.	v	Aston Villa

Second Division

Birmingham	v	Swansea
Blackburn	v	Sheffield U.
Brentford	v	Luton
Cardiff	v	Grimsby
Chesterfield	v	Queen's P. R.
Coventry	v	Notts County
Doncaster	v	Leeds
Hull	v	West Ham
Leicester	v	Bury
Manchester C.	v	Preston N.E.
Southampton	v	Barnsley

Third Division (South)

Aldershot	v	Crystal Pal.
Bristol C.	v	Bournemouth
Colchester	v	Gillingham
Leyton	v	Plymouth
Millwall	v	Exeter
Northampton	v	Ipswich
Notts. Forest	v	Newport
Port Vale	v	Norwich
Swindon	v	Bristol R.
Torquay	v	Brighton
Wallsall	v	Reading
Watford	v	Southend

Third Division (North)

Accrington	v	Gateshead
Barrow	v	Bradford
Bradford C.	v	Stockport
Carlisle	v	Southport
Chester	v	Lincoln
Crewe	v	Hartlepools
Mansfield	v	Wrexham
New Brighton	v	Halifax
Rochdale	v	Darlington
Rotherham	v	Oldham
Shrewsbury	v	Scunthorpe
York	v	Tranmere

Scottish Division A

Celtic	v	East Fife
Dundee	v	Airdrie.
Falkirk	v	Clyde
Hibernian	v	St. Mirren
Morton	v	Aberdeen
Motherwell	v	Rangers
Partick	v	Third Lanark
Raith Rovers	v	Hearts.

Scottish Division B

Albion	v	Ayr
Alloa	v	Dundee U.
Dunfermline	v	Hamilton
Forfar	v	Stirling
Kilmarnock	v	Stenmuir
Queen o' South	v	Arbroath
Queen's Park	v	Cowdenbeath
St. Johnston	v	Dumbarton.

CRICKET OVER CHRISTMAS

The Hongkong Electric Company's annual cricket match between the European Staff and Local Staff will be played on the Indian R.C. ground, Sookunpoo, on Boxing Day. This time it will be an all-day fixture commencing at 11.30 a.m.

At Craigengower, on Christmas Eve, the annual match between Married and Single will be played, starting at 11 a.m.

Badminton Results

Results of the Men's Doubles "C" division league matches played last night were:

St Teresa's "A" beat V.N.C. 8-0.
Gerry Roza-Pereira and D. Pomeroy (St Teresa's) beat B. Brown and N. Souza 21-12, 21-15, and 21-14; R. Erickson and Rocha beat D.A. Xavier and Z.A. Abbas 21-16, 21-15 and 21-10; R. Soares and J. Pomeroy beat E.M. Ribeiro and C.V. Rosa 21-7, 21-15 and 21-12.
Kowloon Docks beat Taikoo by 8-0.

NO MORE TRIAL CAPS FROM THE RUGBY UNION

The Rugby Union is to award no more caps for playing in Trials. Until now these have been given, but for the Final Trial only.

In future those who play in *any* trial will receive a tie. This should be much more popular because the honour will be recognisable at a glance, whereas rugby men, unlike rowing men, do not at social functions wear the caps they win.

The ties will be dark blue, with an old English letter "T" in maroon, the same colour as used for the international tie.—London Express Service.

Inter-School Soccer Fixtures

The following are the Inter-School football fixtures:

SENIOR

Sunday, Dec. 17

Queen's College v Yaumati (Caroline Hill, 11 a.m.)
Wah Yan A.M. v St Joseph's (Caroline Hill, 10 a.m.)
Wah Yan P.M. v La Salle (Club, 10 a.m.)

Sunday, Dec. 24

Yaumati v St Joseph's (Police, Boundary St., 10 a.m.)
Taikoo v Queen's College (Caroline Hill, 10 a.m.)
La Salle v Wah Yan A.M. (Police, Boundary St., 11 a.m.)

Sunday, Dec. 31

Taikoo v Yaumati (Caroline Hill, 10 a.m.)
St Joseph's v La Salle (Club, 10 a.m.)
Queen's College v Wah Yan P.M. (Club, 11 a.m.)

Sunday, Jan. 7, 1951

Yaumati v La Salle (Police, Boundary St., 10 a.m.)
Wah Yan P.M. v Taikoo (Caroline Hill, 11 a.m.)

Sunday, Jan. 14, 1951

Wah Yan P.M. v Yaumati (Caroline Hill, 10 a.m.)
Taikoo v Wah Yan A.M. (Caroline Hill, 11 a.m.)
St Joseph's v Queen's College (Club, 10 a.m.)

JUNIOR KOWLOON

Sunday, Dec. 17

Wah Yan K. v Yaumati P.M. (Army, Boundary St., 10 a.m.)
Yaumati A.M. v Ying Wah (Army, Boundary St., 11 a.m.)

Sunday, Dec. 24

Yaumati P.M. v La Salle (Army, Boundary St., 10 a.m.)
Wah Yan K. v Yaumati A.M. (Army, Boundary St., 11 a.m.)

JUNIOR "B" H.K.

Sunday, Dec. 17

N.T.C. v E.K. A.M. (Navy 1, 10 a.m.)
Wanchai A.M. v St Paul's (Navy 2, 10 a.m.)
St Joseph's v Wah Yan A.M. (Army 2, 10 a.m.)

Sunday, Dec. 24

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N.T.C. v St Joseph's (Navy 2, Happy Valley, 10 a.m.)
St Paul's v Wah Yan A.M. (Army, Happy Valley, 10 a.m.)

JUNIOR "A" H.K.

Sunday, Dec. 17

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Wah Yan P.M. v G.V.M.S. (Navy 2, 11 a.m.)
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WILL NOT JOIN HKAASF

H.K. Hockey Council Not Interested In Playing Second Fiddle To Soccer

A unanimous decision to join the Federation Internationale de Hockey, Geneva, was reached at a meeting of the Council of the Hongkong Hockey Association held in the Board Room of Messrs Shewan, Tomes, yesterday. It was stated that a fee of 145 Swiss francs (HK$198) would be payable. The Federation had approved of the local Association's rules.

At the same meeting it was decided to keep outside of the newly-formed Amateur Athletic Sports Federation of Hongkong.

Mr J. H. Blinko, the Hon. Secretary, said that he was not very impressed with the Federation at the inaugural meeting and added that it appeared to him that the body was more interested in football and swimming.

Sqn-Ldr W. E. McWilliams, who presided yesterday in the absence of Mr A. E. P. Guest (President), remarked that if one was not on the inside of the Federation "then stay right on the outside." "As far as the Hockey Association is concerned we would be simply wasting our time joining it in its present state," he said. The allotment of grounds, he predicted, would be four for soccer to every one for hockey.

Besides Mr McWilliams and Mr Blinko those present at the meeting were Cdr R. G. Cross, Capt A. B. Dudley, Messrs A. M. Xavier (Hon. Treasurer), J. R. M. B. Wall, A. A. Alves, W. A. Reed, D. J. Steyn Parve and A. M. Silva.

Capt Dudley (Army) and Mr Wall (Police) were welcomed as new members.

Dealing with correspondence at the outset, the Secretary announced that the Kowloon Indian Tennis Club had resigned from the Association.

MACAO INTERPORT

Referring to the forthcoming Interport visit to Macao, it was stated that two matches will be played during the Chinese New Year. The teams will be Hongkong and the Rest. There will be accommodation for about 20.

Next matter before the Council was ladies' hockey.

Mr Blinko said that the senior lady organisers had suggested that the Ladies' Association become affiliated with the HKHA. It was suggested that they join as individual teams and that the Association run three leagues.

The Chairman said he saw no objection to them joining as individual clubs. "We shall have to look after the umpiring," he added.

The Treasurer remarked that an important point was representation on the Council "because we do not want them to control us."

Mr Blinko: I don't think they would want to run the show.

The Chairman suggested that the Association wait for the teams to apply for affiliation.

RULE AMENDED

Rule 18 regarding the delay in starting League matches was discussed and it was decided to amend the second paragraph to read thus: "Umpires will commence the game after the 10-minute period has elapsed irrespective of the number of players ready to commence play unless it has been agreed by both captains and by both umpires that the further delay is acceptable."

In the course of the discussion, it was pointed out that the Hongkong Hockey Club had twice offended against the rule recently. The Secretary was instructed to write to the Club regarding this.

Dealing with letters received by the Association, Mr Blinko said there was one from P. F. Xavier pointing out that a R.A.F. player was also playing in the Thunderbolts team.

The Chairman replied that the player turned out for the R.A.F. in League fixtures and had been given permission to play for the Thunderbolts only in friendly games. Therefore, there was no charge to answer.

Recrelo were warned for fielding ineligible players in their "B" team.

Discussion disclosed the difficulties Recrelo experienced in fielding "A" and "B" teams in the same League each weekend and it was decided, to amend Rule 3 to read thus: "No registered "A" team player will be permitted to play for his Club's "B" team within ten days of his previous appearance in the "A" team." The period was formerly three weeks

PROTEST LODGED

In another letter, Lt-Col Hutchings, Chairman of the Army Hockey Committee, lodged a protest concerning referees pointing out that unqualified men should not be appointed for first division matches. It was not the appropriate time for them to gain experience, the letter added.

The Chairman remarked that of 25 umpires in the Association, only eight were fully qualified. He suggested that a letter be sent to the Chairman of the Hockey Umpires Board.

Mr Blinko said that to his knowledge no meeting had been held by the Board to decide what the qualifications should be. He added, however, that it might be said in the Board's favour that they had no rules to go by as the Official Handbook of the Association had only just been made available for distribution yesterday.

Before the meeting concluded, the Chairman referred to an incident which concerned the Police Club. Six of their players had been selected for an Interport trial but instead had sailed with the Police team to play in Macao without the Club informing the Association. This, he said, was a discourtesy and instructed the Secretary to write to the Police Club for an explanation.

Mr Wall apologised on behalf of the Police.

Children's X'mas Party At HKFC

An Xmas Tree and Party for the Children of members will be held on the Club Grounds at Happy Valley on Friday, 22nd. December, 1950 at 3 p.m. Details regarding this party are available to members in the Clubhouse.

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HISTORIC FILMS ADDED TO STUDY COLLECTION

Famous motion pictures of the early days in film history are being added to the study collection at George Eastman House, the international photographic centre in Rochester, New York. James Card, assistant curator in charge of the motion picture collection, said that prints of these pictures are being made available by the film industry throughout the world.

Card also announced the gift of 40 reels of propaganda and information films of World War II by Thomas J. Brandon, a New York film distributor.

The gift includes documentary films showing Japanese war preparations, Russian mobilisation, history of the American Merchant marine, and British films documenting the German V-1 and V-2 rocket bombardment. It is the second contribution made by Brandon.

Recent acquisitions for the motion picture collection also include films from foreign sources.

From France has come a collection of early trick films, made before 1910, whirh use almost all devices now known to the special effects departments in the industry—multiple exposures, dissolving figures, and split-screen effects.

Motion pictures made by foreign branches of the American Vitagraph Company (1905) have been received. From Denmark has come "The Siren" (1905), which portrays the undersea adventures of a Danish householder who was lured by a mermaid.

VON STROHEIM

"Old Heidelberg," made in 1915 under the supervision of the late D. W. Griffith, has also been added to the study collection. The picture starred Wallace Reid, early matinee idol, and Dorothy Gish. The film is particularly interesting for the fact that it marks the first appearance of the famous Eric von Stroheim in a directorial assignment.

Von Stroheim served as technical adviser to the director and also played one of the important roles. It was this experience which started him off on his career as a director.

"After completion of the Dryden Theatre, now under construction as an addition to Eastman House, it will be possible for students to view 'Ben Hur,' for example," Card said. "This is one of the mightiest screen spectacles, memorable for the naval combat between Roman galleys and pirate ships and the famous chariot race which is said to be one of the most exciting episodes ever filmed."

FRENCH "NANA"

Card, who is well known among private motion picture collectors and historians, also announced that his personal collection has been made available for use in the study collection at Eastman House.

Recent additions to the Card collection include the German film, "Sumurun" (1920), the last film of Ernest Lubitsch as both actor and director, and a print of the French picture, "Nana" (1924), from the novel of Emile Zola. In "Nana" director Jean Renoir, son of the celebrated painter, deliberately attempted to capture the spirit of certain paintings by his father.

"The problem of collecting films is complicated by the ease with which silent pictures could be widely exported, merely by changing the subtitles to the language of the country involved," Card said.

He pointed out that films by William S. Hart were popular in France, and many of them were preserved in that country.

"D. W. Griffith's works were extremely popular in Russia, where they served as models for the work of Russian directors. Mary Pickford was the idol of England, and Chaplin films turn up throughout the world—from Italy to Siam," Card said.

The Eastman House motion picture collection, designed for study by students of film art, traces the development of the motion picture from its beginnings in the early 1890's.

COLLECTION'S AIMS

The collection will enable students to:

1. Examine films which constitute major developments in the techniques and style of film-making.
2. Observe the manner in which changing social problems affected the motion picture.
3. Trace the growth and changing techniques in work of leading directors.
4. Refer to newsreels and documentaries as sources in the study of specific events, or to obtain authentic details of dress and architecture.
5. Compare versions of identical stories which have been repeated down through the years.

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SCIENTIST IN THE TROPICS

(Continued from Page 7)

custom of measuring wealth in terms of livestock and using cattle to pay the bride-price. Such customs can only gradually be modified, at a cost of much time, energy and patience employed in propaganda and persuasion.

"There is no single panacea", says Mr Masefield, "that can be universally applied to the agricultural ills of colonial countries." This is a fact worth remembering. There are also great possibilities for development, once the interest and enthusiasm of the people can be aroused. The rapid development of such alien crops as cotton, sugar and cocoa should encourage those who sometimes feel that peasant conservatism stands too obdurately in the way of change. An equally rapid growth of new practices in soil conservation, livestock husbandry and mixed farming would go a long way towards improving the conditions of millions of Asian, African and Caribbean peoples.

Cantonese By Radio

By S. K. Lee

The twelfth in the series of lessons in Cantonese to be broadcast over Radio Hongkong by Mr S.K. Lee will be given this evening at 6.30

For the guidance of listeners we publish below a summary of the lesson. Summaries for subsequent lessons will be published in the China Mail every Tuesday and Friday for the duration of this radio feature.

Lesson 12
Can; To Be Able

Vocabulary:
49. duk(1). Can. (an auxiliary placed after a verb) To get. To obtain.
50. gaaye(1). A street.
51. (1)tecoo. Classifier for streets, roads, rivers and things that are long and flexible.
52. (1)Ngun. Silver. Money. Currency.
53. (2)lerng. A couple. Two. That street.

Combinations:
1. (3)Dzoh duk(1). Can do. It can be done. It will do. It's O.K.
2. (1)M (3)dzoh-duk(1). It can't be done. It won't do.
3. Hui(3) gaaye(1). To go out. To go to town.
4. Yut(1)-(1)tecoo gaaye(1). One street.
5. Naan(1)-(1)tecoo gaaye(1)? Which street?
6. Nee(1)-(1)tecoo gaaye(1). This street.
7. Gaw(2)-(1)tecoo gaaye(1).
8. (1)Tecoo-(1)tecoo gaaye(1). Every street.
9. (1)Ngun naam(2). A dollar.
10. (2)Lerng-gaw(3) (1)ngun-tseen(2).
11. (2)Lerng mun(1). Two dollars.

Examples:
1. (3)Dzoh-duk(1) (1)m (3)dzoh-duk(1)?
3. (3)Dzoh-duk(1) mah(3)?
4. Duk(1) (1)m duk(1)?
5. Duk(1) mah(3)?

Can it be done? Will it do? Is it all right?

Conversation:
1. A. Nay(2) dee(1) tseen(2) (2)-ngaw duk(1) (1)m duk(1) ah(3)? Can you give me some money?
2. B. (2)Nay yeeoo(3) tseen(2) (3)dzoh-mee(1)-(2)yeh ah(3)? What do you want money for?
3. A. (2)Ngaw serng(2) hui(3)-gaaye(1) (2)maaye-(2)yeh. I want to go out shipping.
4. B. (2)Nay yeeoo(3) gay(2)-daw(1) neh(1)? How much do you want?
5. A. (22)Ngaw yeeoo(3) (2)ng-(3)shup-gaw(3) (1)ngun-tseen(2). I want fifty dollars.
6. B. (2)Nay (2)maaye mee(1)-(2)yeh ah(3)? What are you going to buy?
7. A. (2)Ngaw (2)maaye (2)lerng-gaw(3) joong(1). I am going to buy two clocks.
8. B. (2)Maaye yut(1)-gaw(3) joon(1) yeeoo(3) gay(2)-daw(1) tseen(2) neh(1)? What does a (one) clock cost?
9. A. Yeeoo(3) (3)yee-(3)shup-say(3) mun(1) Is costs twenty-four dollars.
10. B. Nee(1)-ahue(3) (3)hai (2)-ng-(3)shup mun(1). Here's fifty dollars.
11. (2)Nay hui(3)-gaaye(1) mah(3)? Are you going out?
12. A. (2)Ngaw (2)yau (2)yeh (2)dzoh, (1)m hui(3)-gaaye(1) lok-(3). I have work to do and am not going out.

(To Be Continued)

JOHNNY HAZARD

By Frank Robbins

• BY • THE • WAY •

by Beachcomber

NOTHING is more indicative of the mifobulous tendency of everything than the experiments now being carried out to produce eggs with gay and giddy yolks, by fooling about with the food of hens.

An article I have just read, by one who evidently has his ear glued to the hen-run, seems to take it for granted that if eggs with purple or green-and-yellow striped yolks were on sale, complaints about their age would cease. The aesthete in every decent egg-eater would salute a work of art, and the British Egg would soon oust the old dried eggs of China and Iceland in popular esteem.

Bosnian throughput

A BOSNIAN complaint that yashmaks worn by women at work in factories interfere with output is probably well founded. But they interfere with men workers in a different way. Those eyes! Those inscrutable eyes! They were never meant to peer at the whelving-edges of cauling-screws, and the mystery of the face-covering intrudes between a man and his chuck-wheel scorting-driver recessed to take a trivetstalk. When the Moslem women gather in the cemeteries in the cool of dusk do they talk of suffet-valve compressors and rotatory precision-burkes?

Very droll

"DEAR Sir,

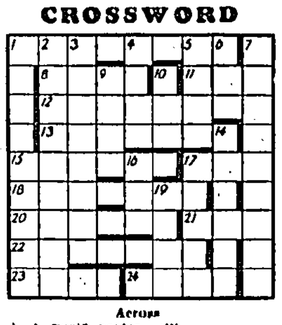
My nephew has given what I think is rather an amusing twist to the hat-and-whisker controversy. **He wears tinfoil whiskers without any hat at all.**

Yrs. truly,
(Mrs.) Eva Shoddles.

Can I help you?

ONE way to acquire a new car is to order one of those which are assembled in Holland after being made here and sent to France, to be returned here for reassembly and export to Switzerland. In Switzerland they are dismantled and sent to America, and then reassembled and sent here for export to America. If you can catch them in Sweden, where they are sent from America on their way here, all you need do is to procure enough Dutch currency to purchase the dismantled car before it is sent here for re-export to America.

CROSSWORD



Across

1. A world beater. (8)
6. The figure of the Lido lady. (4)
11. And cry follows it as the hunt is on. (3)
12. Distorted beer tins. (8)
13. This is only an imaginary line (7)
15. What rusty jail provides a well behaved and privileged convict (6)
17. Better call it a label. (3)
18. Change our name to delight. (7)
20. Sounds as though you desert double figures (6)
21. Curious but no dogs (3)
22. Repeat. (7)
23. This phone is not wired. (4)
24. Misplaced (4)

Down

1. Where you can see an irate face (9)
2. When the hedgehog does, he remains inactive. (9)
3. You'll find this ample. (8)
4. Leap to beg. (4)
5. State you may get into when visiting the U.S.A. (4)
6. You may make it turn to bolt (3)
7. Where you find yourself on leaving the east. (4, 5)
8. Seen in the moon, usually at night. (4)
10. You'll have to go astern for this. (3)
14. This has a different meaning in schoolboy slang to what cook thinks it is. (6)
16. On the end of the mistletoe. (3)
17. Broken rice. (6)
19. The preposition of Hun tortures. (4)

Solution of yesterday's puzzle.—Across: 1, Tuberoses; 7, Orchestra; 11, Roaster; 12, Earl; 13, Head; 14, Annelid; 16, Disbud; 18, Add; 19, Tested; 21, Nyala; 22, Endow; 24, Bode; 24, Stays Down: 1, Toreador; 2, Unhealthy; 3, Resolute; 4, Steed; 5, Errand boy; 6, Sand; 8, Corn; 9, Plate; 10, Strident; 15, Doors; 17, Seed; 18, Add; 20, Sea

Check Your Knowledge

1. What is the meaning of the expression "au contraire?"
2. Where are the Thousand Islands?
3. Name the country which is the world's largest coffee producer.
4. Name the author of "Little Lord Fauntleroy."
5. Name the loftiest mountain range in the world.
6. What is a ketch?

(Answers on Page 12)

YOUR BIRTHDAY.... By STELLA

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12

IF you are born today, it is likely that your life will be a pleasant, comfortable and—if you follow your best impulses—an adjusted and successful one. The stars have given you talents. Make the most of them all. You men will probably do well in politics, for you seem to be able to judge what people want and have a talent for influencing them. Make sure that your ideals are kept high and that you are, at all times worthy of their trust.

You are exceptionally fond of beauty and will always like to be surrounded by harmony. Your taste is excellent and you women, especially, know how to plan an attractive home. You are fond of a social life, but like it to centre in your home. You make an excellent host or hostess and are the type to attract people into your circle who are entertaining and talented as well.

Since you have an affectionate nature, you will be happiest if you wed at an early age and have your own family surrounding you. Follow your intuitions and you will rarely, if ever, make a mistake. Your perceptions are keen. You learn easily and would make a fine teacher.

To find what the stars have in store for tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—Don't begin a new job before you have finished one already begun. Compromise rather than argue.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan 20)—Sentiment is all right in its place, but today is not the time for it. Be sensible now.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—Rash commitments, made impulsively, can bring hardship. Be guarded in promises today.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 21)—You may be able to do something to make your family happy. Suggest a pastime that all can share.

ARIES (Mar. 22-Apr. 20)—Sincerity, rather than following impulsive emotions, will be your best plan for today. Say and do what you mean.

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)—Aid an associate and you will be rewarded. Ambitions are high but don't overreach your goal.

GEMINI (May 22-June 22)—Don't take on too much today. Get plenty of rest. Being overambitious just doesn't pay now.

CANCER (June 23-July 23)—Be reasonable and calm if a matter comes up for discussion. Don't get into an argument...

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—Shoulder your responsibilities, but don't take on the added burden of others. You have enough to do!

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 22)—You can accept a favour graciously without feeling under obligation. Keep your independence, however.

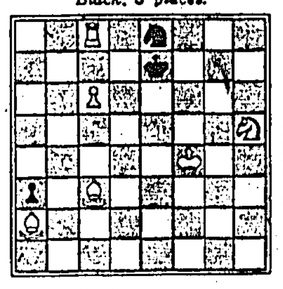
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)—If there is work left over from yesterday, see that it gets finished up today. Don't procrastinate.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)—This is a good day for advertising a new idea or promoting your business. Be aggressive.

CHESS PROBLEM

By B. J. de C. ANDRADE

Black, 3 pieces.



White, 6 pieces.
White to play and mate in two.

Solution to yesterday's problem:

1, Q—Kt4, any; 2, Q, R, B, or Kt mates.

INTELLIGENCE TEST

THREE PARTNERSHIPS

By T. O. HARE

"BRIDGE last night at a quid a hundred," said Addison. "When it came to settling up, we all paid money to Dick Steele. We played three rubbers, with a different partnership each time."

"Did Dick get away with a lot?"

"Not very little. They were not large rubbers. Dick netted £18 in all."

"How about yourself?"

Addison considered. "There was at least one larger contribution than mine."

Later in the day I met Pope and Bellew, the other two players. Pope, I learned, had lost £4 more than Dick.

What was the result of the rubber in which Addison partnered Pope?

(Solution on Page 12)

39 YEARS IN COMMONS

After 39 years service at the House of Commons as head office keeper, which brought him into contact with eight Prime Ministers, Mr Stanley Abell is retiring.

Ministers called him "Sergeant". He has been presented with a clock and a lighter as a farewell present and, also, as a wedding anniversary and birthday gift.

Resident head office keeper, he drilled peers, Ministers, M.P.s, Parliamentary journalists and officials of the House of Commons, who were all privates under him when he was Sergeant Abell of the Home Guard. Mr Maurice Webb, Food Minister, is one of many who still call him "Sergeant." For this work Mr Abell received the B.E.M.

A holder of the M.M., Mr Abell looked after that section of the House — known during the war as "Abell's Hotel" — which was set aside for policemen, waitresses and other workers to spend the night in when they could not get home owing to the bombing.

"Asquith was Prime Minister when I came here," said Mr Abell. "When Von Ribbentrop was ambassador here, I remember taking him to the Prime Minister's room. He was so impressed with the surroundings that he said to me, 'I feel I ought to walk on tiptoe in this place.'"

Mr Abell is retiring to a cottage in Norfolk.

• JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Joe Is Entitled To This Beef

	♠ Q 7 5 3 ♥ 4 ♦ Q J 9 4 ♣ 9 6 5 3	
(DEALER) ♠ A K 6 4 ♥ A Q 6 5 ♦ 10 8 3 ♣ J 2	N W E S	♠ J 9 8 ♥ K 3 2 ♦ A 6 5 2 ♣ 10 7 4
	♠ 10 2 ♥ J 10 9 8 7 ♦ K 7 ♣ A K Q 8	

N-S vul.

West	North	East	South
1 ♠	Pass	1 N.T.	2 ♥
Double	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead—♠ K

BY OSWALD JACOBY

"I HAVE been the butt of a good deal of your so-called humour of late," complained Hard Luck Joe. "I may not be the best player in the world, but I do know that I am the unluckiest. For instance, here is a hand in which my only error was in being at the table. However, if I had stayed home in bed, the plaster probably would have fallen on me."

Since Joe had the door blocked off, I was forced to listen to his tale of woe and must report that for once the poor guy had a real beef at the gods of chance. His no-trump response to the opening bid was eminently correct, and when his partner doubled two hearts, he was entitled to sit back, lick his chops and wait for a big penalty.

Even though his partner was doubling, Joe should have had no worries about setting the opponents a trick or two. As a matter of fact, if the reader will take a quick look at all the cards, he will not be able to see how South can possibly come limping home with the contract.

Nevertheless, South made it, and poor old Joe was practically helpless to stop it. I say practically helpless, because I think that Pessimistic Pete might have played Joe's hand differently and set the contract.

The king of spades was opened, and Joe dropped the eight and declarer the deuce. West shifted to the jack of clubs. Declarer won with the king and led the jack of trumps. West ducked. Joe won with the king and returned a club. Declarer won with the ace and led the eight of hearts. West went up with the queen, cashed the ace of spades and then went into a huddle.

The reader will note that a diamond shift will put Joe in to give his partner a ruff of the third club, thereby beating the hand two tricks. However, West did not know who held the ace and who the king of diamonds. His double was pretty sketchy to start with, and he decided to force declarer to lead.

Hence, he cashed the ace of hearts and exited with the little one, whereupon declarer played the queen of clubs, dropping Joe's ten, entered dummy with the nine of clubs and discarded his two diamonds on the queen and seven of spades, thereby making his doubled contract.

Joe could have made certain of setting the contract if he had cashed his ace of diamonds when he had the lead, but for once I can't really blame him. His bad luck really got him.

POCKET CARTOON

by OSBERT LANCASTER

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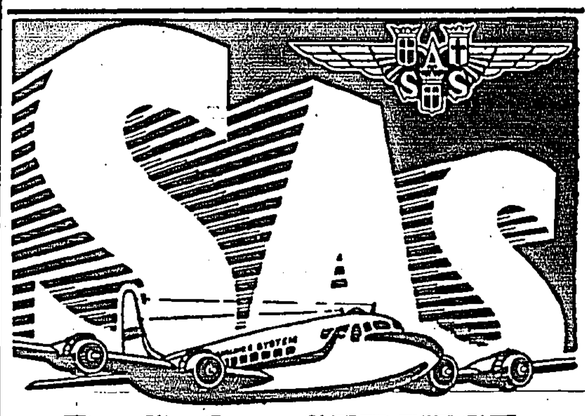

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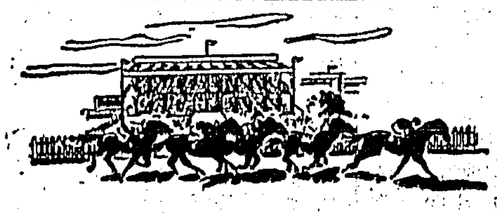

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	ARRIVALS	SAILINGS
"TJIPONDOK"		15th Dec.
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New High Recorded In Rails

New York, Dec. 11.

Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe railroad skyrocketed 11-¼ points in a sharp response to the news of a uranium strike on its land.

As the news of the strike spread in financial circles, the issue advanced in leaps and bounds, touching off a rally which carried rails to a new 19-year high for the third successive day and led all sections of the market to higher ground.

Motors sparked the rise in the industrial section which carried that component of the market averages $1.89 higher, the best industrial showing in the week.

Airlines vaulted to the fore in the final hour with gains ranging to more than a point. Aircraft manufacturing issues ranged up to two points higher.

The volume reached 2,000,000 shares.

Dow Jones averages at the end of the session stood as follows:

50 industrials	229.9
20 rails	74.42
15 utilities	39.37
40 bonds	102.28

United Press.

Rubber Consumption

Washington, Dec. 11.

The Commerce Department reported today that consumption of new rubber in September was 110,831 long tons, compared with August consumption of 114,676 tons. September consumption of natural rubber for transportation purposes was 40,049 tons, a drop of 1,919 tons from August.

The consumption of synthetic for transportation increased 701 tons over August to a total of 26,568 tons.—United Press.

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MP's Demand:

WITHDRAWALS OF STERLING OUGHT TO BE REDUCED

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

London, Dec. 11.

Mr Hugh Gaitskell, Chancellor of the Exchequer, is to be asked to scale down the rate at which Pakistan, India and Ceylon are to be allowed to draw on their Sterling balances to finance development schemes under the Colombo plan.

In a Parliamentary question which he has put down for the Chancellor tomorrow, Squadron-Leader Frederick Burden, Conservative, points out that the agreements recently concluded with India and Ceylon (negotiations for a similar agreement with Pakistan are still going on) will lead to a considerable increase in the flow of unrequited exports to these countries.

Squadron-Leader Burden says this outflow of unrequited exports will make it impossible for us to produce the extra £300,000,000 of exports which the Chancellor recently said would be necessary next year to offset the deteriorating terms of trade.

Squadron-Leader Burden will therefore ask the Chancellor "if he will reopen negotiations with the governments named in an effort to reduce the flow of unrequited exports to a minimum."

HK Agreed Merchant Rates

This morning's Hongkong agreed merchant rates:—

Maximum Selling. Sterling (Indirect Sterling higher than London rate for the usance involved):	*Minimum Buying* 1/32nd
1/2 29/32	1/3 T.T. 1/3 1/32 O.D. 1/3 1/16 30 days 1/3 3/32 60 & 90 days 1/3 1/8 120 days.
Sterling (East & South Africa): 1/2 29/32	1/3 3/32 O.D. if under L/Credit 1/3 5/32 O.D. without L/Credit 1/32nd up every 30 days.
Sterling (West Africa & West Indies): 1/2 29/32	1/3 9/32 O.D. if under L/Credit 1/3 11/32 O.D. without L/Credit 1/32nd up every 30 days.
Rupees (India): 82 3/4	83 3/4 T.T. 84 O.D. 84 1/8 7 & 30 days 84 1/4 60 days 84 3/8 90 days.
Rupees (Aden): 82 3/4	84 3/8 O.D. if under L/Credit 84 1/2 O.D. without L/Credit 85 30 & 60 days.
Rupees (Rangoon): 82 3/4	83 15/16 T.T. 84 3/16 O.D. 84 5/16 7 & 30 days 84 7/16 60 days 84 9/16 90 days.
Rupees (Pakistan): 57 3/8	58 1/16 T.T. 58 1/8 O.D. 58 1/4 30 days 58 3/8 60 days.
Malaya. 52 7/8	53 3/8 T.T. & O.D. 53 1/2 30 days 53 9/16 60 days.
U.S. Dollars (Delivery within one calendar month 1/16 down per calendar month thereafter): 17 3/8	17 9/16 T.T. & O.D. 17 5/8 30 days 17 11/16 60 & 90 days.
Canada: 18 1/16	18 7/16 T.T. & O.D.
Australia: 1/6 1/2	1/6 7/8 T.T. 1/6 15/16 O.D.
New Zealand: 1/2 29/32	1/3 3/16 T.T. 1/3 1/4 O.D.

N.B. Sterling selling rates for delivery within two months with a cut of 1/32nd for every further three months forward.

HONGKONG SHARE MARKET

The volume of business on the Stock Exchange this morning was valued at $73,890. The half day's business and noon closing prices were as follow:—

SHARES	BUYERS	SELLERS	SALES
BANKS			
HK Bank ...	1300		
INSURANCES			
Union	640		
DOCKS, ETC.			
N.P. Wharf		5½	
Dock		13¾	
Provident ...	10½		
Shai Dock ..	3¼		
LAND, ETC.			
HK Hotel ..	7.30		
HK Land	40		500 @ 41
Shai Land .	1.15		
UTILITIES			
Tram	12½	13	100 @ 12.75
C. Light (O)			100 @ 12.90
C Light (N)		6.40	
Electric	25		
Telephone ..	10		
Tel. (N) ...	9¼		
INDUSTRIALS			
Cement	13		500 @ 13¼
			1000 @ 13¼
STORES, ETC.			
Dairy (N) ..	11¼		500 @ 11¾
			300 @ 11¾
Watson	21½		500 @ 21¾
			200 @ 21¾
			300 @ 21¾
			600 @ 21¾
COTTONS			
Ewo	2½	2.70	

COTTON GOODS

New York, Dec. 11.

The erratic action of raw cotton prices and reports that Washington might declare a national emergency next week, with wage price controls under consideration, brought a quiet situation in the Worth Street cotton goods trade market.

Brokers said inquiries were centred mostly for the second and third quarters next year. Heavy snows in the Mid-West and rain in the Eastern States cut into retail business.—United Press.

Offers Of Copra

New York, Dec. 11.

Sellers continued to offer copra for nearby shipment at $215 per short ton, C.I.F. the Pacific Coast. There were no takers. In coconut oil, nearby shipment was offered unchanged at 17 cents a pound, F.O.B.

Decline In Grain Market

Chicago, Dec. 11.

Corn and oats led the decline as trading continued light. Talk of price controls again filtered through the market. So far as the ceiling prices on grains are concerned, these cannot be imposed except when prices are at parity levels and grains have not yet reached that point.

Wheat futures closed ⅞ to 1-⅞ higher, corn was ⅛ to 1 higher, oats ½ lower to ¼ higher, rye unchanged to ½ higher and soybeans ⅝ higher to 1 lower.

Prices closed today as follows:—

Wheat—price per bushel	
Spot	2.35
December	2.34⅜ - 2.35
March (1951)	2.40⅛ - 2.41
May	2.36⅜ - ⅝
July	2.32 - 2.32⅛
Corn	
Spot	1.71½
December	1.67¼ - ⅜
March (1951)	1.68½ - ⅝
May	1.61⅜ - 1.69
July	1.60¾ - ½
Rye	
December	1.50½ bid
Oats	
December	90¼ - ⅜
March (1951)	98¼

NEW YORK FLOUR—per 200 lb. sack, $12.65.

—United Press.

London Tin Improves

London, Dec. 11.

Tin prices were harder at the morning session today. Turnover was 65 tons, including 15 tons for spot.

Prices closed today at the end of the official morning session as follow:—

Spot tin, buyers	1,140
Spot tin, sellers	1,145
Business done at	1,140
Three-months tin, buyers	1,040
Three-months tin, sellers	1,045
Business done at	1,040
Settlement	1,140

—United Press.

Bids Invited For Scrap Iron

Tokyo, Dec. 11.

The United States occupation authorities in Okinawa have invited some 200 firms in Japan and the United States to submit bids for 500,000 gross tons of scrap iron located on the island, General MacArthur's headquarters announced today.

A second lot of scrap iron, consisting of naval craft to be salvaged from the waters off the shore, were also offered to the bidders.

The bids will be opened in February.—Reuter.

Japanese Bonds In London

London, Dec. 11.

Japanese Bonds "A" (4s. of 1899)	36
" " "B" (4s. of 1910)	33
" " "C" (5s. of 1907)	44½
" " "D" (5s. of 1934)	41
" " "E" (6½s. of (1930)	64
Consols	71

—United Press.

Exchange Rates

Business was done in the local unofficial exchange market this morning at the following rates:—

Sterling note (per £)	18.50
U.S. dollars (per $1)	6.193
Indonesia guilders (per 100)	4.80
Siam ticals (per 100)	27.00

Trade Mission To Japan

Tokyo, Dec. 11.

Thailand's nine - man trade mission to Japan is scheduled to arrive here tomorrow, according to the Japanese Ministry of International Trade and Industry, quoted by the Kyodo news agency.

The Siamese mission is headed by Phra Nararaj Chamnong, Under-Secretary of Commerce.

The Japanese Government hoped that the coming of the Thai mission would facilitate negotiations for the import of rice from that country next year, the news agency reports. Japan desires to purchase 400,000 tons of rice during 1951.—Reuter.

Cotton Trade Gets Attack Of Jitters

New York, Dec. 11.

Cotton futures backed and filled in jittery fashion today while traders awaited further developments on the Korean war and controls. Actual trading was largely of professional origin. Evening-up in maturing December delivery accounted for a fair portion of the business. Elsewhere, small upturns met an increased volume of hedge selling and liquidation, while other trade buying cushioned the reactions. The buying of deferred months against sales of old crops continued among traders expecting price ceiling regulations.

A New York Cotton Exchange trade report said the thought had been expressed in numerous trade quarters that if a ceiling price is established in raw cotton, it would very likely be around the 41 cents level. Such a figure presumably reflects the fact that the average price received by farmers for marketings during the middle of November, as reported by the Department of Agriculture, was 41.13 cents a pound, the Exchange report added.

The market opened 12 higher to 18 points lower. Expiring December contract was relatively firm but eased immediately, then steadied again at the close, covering a range of 54 points below the highs and lows. The market rallied briskly in mid-afternoon under trade and mill demand but eased slightly again at the finish to end the day 9 lower to 9 points higher.

Prices closed today as follows:—

Spot	42.85
December	41.68
March (1951)	41.71-41.74
May	41.19-41.20
July	40.70-40.74
October	37.13-37.16
December	36.73
March (1952)	36.48 nominal
May	36.23 "

—United Press.

NEW ORLEANS CLOSING

New Orleans, Dec. 11.

Spot	41.75
March (1951)	41.53-41.55
May	41.12
July	40.62-40.64
October	37.01
December	36.61 bid
March (1952)	36.36 bid
May	36.15 bid

—United Press.

RUBBER'S DECLINE

New York, Dec. 11.

Rubber futures closed today 250 to 375 points lower, with sales totalling 40 contracts. Prices weakened after comparative steadiness following the news of another slash in consumer allowance of natural rubber during January and February. Dullness featured the local spot market.

Prices closed today as follows:—

Spot	68½
December	64.25 nominal
January (1951)	- -
March	51.25 traded
May	45.50-46.50 traded
July	43.00 bid

—United Press.

LONDON MARKET

London, Dec. 11.

Prices in the rubber futures market here closed today as follows:—

No. 1 rubber (in cents per lb.)	49-50
January (1951)	42½-49
January/March	47½-½
April/June	41-41½
July/September	38-38½
October/December	35-35½

—United Press.

SINGAPORE MARKET

Singapore, Dec. 11.

Prices in the rubber futures market here closed today as follows:—

Number 1 rubber, per lb. December	156-157
January (1951)	151-152
February	147-148
Number 2 rubber, December	151-152
Number 3 rubber, December	145-146
Number 4 rubber, December	137-138
Spot rubber, unbaled	166-167
Black crepe	125-127
No. 1 pale crepe	168-173

—United Press.

New York Metals

New York, Dec. 11.

Prices in the metal market here closed today unchanged with the following exceptions:—

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m.v. "GLENEARN" Loads 4th January, Sails 8th January for Straits, Colombo, Aden, Suez, Port Said, Tangier, Casablanca, London, Antwerp, Rotterdam/Amsterdam, Hamburg. Due London 14th February.

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Student Steals From Relative

An 11-year-old boy student living in Cameron Road, whose parents were said to be in America, was charged before Mr d'Almada at Kowloon this morning at the Juvenile Court with stealing a gold wrist watch from his relative.

According to Insp. Orem, the complainant, Chan Man, with whom the boy was staying, discovered that his wife's wrist watch was missing and the boy was also absent from the house. Three days later Chan met the boy in the street and took him back home to question him about the watch. The boy confessed that he had sold it to a watch dealer, Ching Yuk, of 628A, Nathan Road, for $20. The watch was subsequently re-sold through a broker for $105 of which Ching Yuk received $90.

The watch dealer was charged before Mr d'Almada with receiving stolen property. He was fined $250 or two weeks and the boy was given six strokes. The watch was ordered to be returned to its owner.

Mail Notices

The latest date of posting for Christmas air mails to Great Britain, Eire and Europe will be on Friday, December 15 at 5 p.m.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12
Closing Times By Air
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YANGTSZE FINANCE CO. ANNUAL MEETING

Successful Year Reported

DIVIDENDS ON HONGKONG STOCK WELL MAINTAINED

The Yangtsze Finance Company, Limited, maintained dividends on local stocks and paid 6 percent free of tax on their shares, it was announced at the Annual General Meeting of Shareholders yesterday.

One lakh was transferred to Investment Reserve and $449,584 carried forward.

Proposing the adoption of the report and accounts the Chairman of the Board, Mr G. E. Marden said:

The delay in presenting the accounts has been due to discussions with our auditors centring on the question as to whether, despite our title, we are an "Investment Trust" or a "Finance Company". Members may recollect that some ten years ago we absorbed our elder sister International Investment Trust Co. of China Ltd., but for years before then the operations of both companies had been conducted on identical lines. The point may be of importance inasmuch as in the United Kingdom the incidence of income tax varies with each business, the portfolio of an Investment Trust being considered as capital assets and that of a Finance Company as stock in trade. This does not arise necessarily from the type of business or even from the method of conducing it but on a construction of the Company's Articles concerning the method provided for dealing with profits or losses on realisation of investments.

Whilst tax consideration do not at present arise, your board has accepted the auditors' suggestions and future balance sheets will show profits or losses on sales of investments in a Realisation Account. In the event that credit accumulations in this account reach a substantial sum, consideration will be given to the desirability of making a Capital Bonus distribution to shareholders. Such a fortunate eventuality cannot, of course, be foreseen under existing conditions

PROMISE EXCEEDED

I referred last year to the promise that dividends on local stocks would be well maintained. This promise has, in fact, been exceeded but the downward tendency in local prices continued until the close of our financial year, since when even lower levels have been experienced.

It would be difficult to assign any reason to this combination of falling prices and higher dividends other than the political one, and in this respect I do not refer merely to uneasiness due to possible warlike operations in or affecting the Colony—the whole structure of restrictions on exchanges, embargoes and controls, whether actual or threatened, have all contributed. In the middle of this year a further restriction on the movement of funds between London and Hongkong was imposed and, whilst it is not suggested that the authorities place any obstacles whatever in the way of legitimate business, any interference with the free flow of goods and capital has a depressing effect. You will be interested to hear of my own experience in this connection during the past summer. I had hoped to interest London financiers in the attractions of the Hongkong market and had several conversations which might easily have led to a substantial amount of capital being available for general investment in the Colony. The imposition of the control on capital movements between London and Hongkong caused my contacts to lose interest and this was only moderately renewed when I had demonstrated by numerous instances that the control was light and even benevolent and itself constituted no difficulty when the outbreak of the war in Korea caused, for the time being, a complete withdrawal.

NO CORRECTIVE

It must be admitted that indigenous capital in the Colony, if there is such a thing, does little to help itself. Operations in the share market are notoriously subject to periods of eager, if not wild buying or free, almost panic selling. No corrective exists for such situations such as prevail in the true capital markets of the world, whereby any sharp change in the potential yield, either upwards or downwards, normally induces operations calculated to take advantage of the movement. It is true that only in an economy where there is an ample supply of capital can such correctives be fully effective—and many authorities consider that Hongkong is insufficiently supplied with capital. It would, however, in my opinion not be true to assume as a corollary that there does not exist here from time to time a substantial accumulation of idle funds. Your own company to a modest degree seeks to apply something of the corrective and we have often been in a general way sellers on a rise and buyers on the decline, in many cases going counter to pronounced market trends. I do not suggest that such operations have been uniformly or even mainly successful and, of course, the bulk of our portfolio having been acquired at the higher rates prevailing over the period during which we made our investments in the Colony, substantial sales would have been impossible without inordinate book losses.

The new Capital Realisation Account to which I referred earlier will assist somewhat to this end, but it has been possible in more than one case to make an overall profit on substantial dealings over the year in a particular share. This has been accomplished in spite of the very high cost of trading, as the brokerage and fees to be paid on the purchase and sale of a stock amount to some 2-¼%.

I do not intend this remark as a suggestion that the Stock Exchange should reduce its brokerage, for its committee may be expected to be aware of the operation of the law of diminishing returns, but I do suggest that there should be some form of reduction on an in and out transaction or on the reinvestment of funds provided by a sale effected at the same time or on the same day. This concession is made in London and acts as an inducement to switching operations.

I spoke of eager buying and free selling and, in fairness to operators on the Stock Exchange, I ought to say that other Hongkong markets are similarly affected, even industrialists sometimes holding their product in times of rising prices to an extent unknown in Europe or America. This is merely another symptom of the same disease, or perhaps I should say the result of the same application of the tourniquet, whereby the circulation of capital—the life blood of commerce, is impeded.

INTEREST PAYMENTS

I said last year that the average return on a selection of utilities and industrials being in excess of 12% per annum that such a high rate could not be expected to continue and that capital might be attracted. This has not proved to be the case in any volume and, in fact, the comparable return would on the 1st December have exceeded 13% per annum.

Looking at the Profit & Loss Account you will observe that interest paid has, as I foreshadowed last year, increased from $34,000 to $153,000, whilst on the other side Interest and Dividends received at $723,000 is more than double the amount shown last year. There has, however, been a substantial reduction on Profit on Realisation and we had no profits on exchange such as existed the previous year.

General expenses have fallen from $14,000 to $8,500. Secretarial fees are unaltered but they may be expected to increase next year in order to adjust the emoluments of our General Managers which would otherwise be affected by the establishment of the new Realisation Account.

The balance to Appropriation Account shows only a small drop at $622,000, and as in the previous year a transfer to Investment Reserve has been made. The carry forward has been increased by over two lakhs.

The main change in the Balance Sheet itself is provided by the transfer of the full Investment Reserve augmented, as I have just informed you, by a further $100,000 to the Assets side as a reduction in the amount of investments, thus bringing the book value and the market value to an approximate level. There will, however, have been a fall in market values since the closing of the books. You will observe under Current Liabilities that further advances have been made by our General Managers, the figure standing at over three and a half million dollars.

The report was seconded by Mr J. A. Turner and passed unanimously.

Messrs G. E. Marden, J. A. Turner and W. G. E. Lanmaman were re-elected Directors, of the Company.

It was resolved that Messrs Lowe, Bingham and Matthews be re-appointed Auditors.

Present at the meeting were Messrs G. E. Marden (Chairman), J. F. Horman-Fisher, W. G. E. Lanmaman and J. A. Turner (Directors), Mrs M. Line and Mr J. L. Marden (Shareholders) representing 490,997 shares.

Radio Hongkong

H.K.T.
6, "Hongkong Calling". Programme Summary; 6.02, Orchestral Selections; 6.30, Cantonese by Radio given by Miss Lee Wai Lan and S. K. Lee (Studio); 6.50, Organ Solo by Edouard Commette; 7, World News and News Analysis (London Relay); 7.15, "Letter from America", By Alistair Cooke. (Recorded London Relay); 7.30, "Down Memory Lane" presented by Aileen Woods (Studio); 8, "From the Editorials" (London Relay); 8.10, "Box 200" Bert Gillette at the Hammond organ; 8.30, "Take it From Here"—With Joy Nichols, Dick Bentley and Jimmy Edwards (BBCTS); 9, Piano Recital by Caroline Braga (Studio); 9.30, "Enjoyment of Music"—Talk No. 9:—Piano Music, by the Rev. Father T. F. Ryan S.J. (Studio); 10, Radio News Reel (London Relay); 10.15, Weather Report; 10.16, Song and Dance in Britain—A Programme From Scotland (BBCTS); 10.45, "Eyes in the Pacific": An account of the Australian Coast Watching Service during the last war. Written by Arthur Mathers (BBCTS); 11.10, Goodnight Music; 11.25, Weather Report; God Save the King; 11.30, Close Down.

Nipped In The Bud

Arrested just before they "got down to business" two youths, Iu Chi-keung, 17, and Leung Wing, 19, were found to have a piece of imitation gold with which the Police suspected they were going to defraud a woman.

Before Mr d'Almada at Kowloon this morning, Iu was charged with possession of the gold fit for an unlawful purpose, and being a returned banishee. Both were charged with being destitutes.

Insp. Orem said that last Friday in Canton Road a Policeman saw the two men speaking to a woman. They were just beginning to get down to the usual trick of asking her to sell the gold for them when they were arrested.

The first defendant was expelled for theft in July.

Mr d'Almada sentenced first defendant to six weeks for possession of the imitation gold and ordered both men to be expelled.

HONGKONG AIDS THE IRO

Warm tribute to the Hongkong Government authorities for the co-operation they had given was expressed by Sir Arthur Rucker, Deputy Director General of the United Nations International Refugee Organisation, at a Press conference this morning. Sir Arthur, who was seconded from the Ministry of Health three years ago, is returning by air tomorrow to the I.R.O. headquarters in Geneva.

Sir Arthur disclosed that the Organisation had resettled about 13,000 refugees from the Far East, mostly from Shanghai. Some were still in a camp in the Philippines.

Recalling 1947, the year when the Organisation was brought into being, Sir Arthur said that at that time there were between a million and a quarter and a million and a half refugees to take care of. No government had then signed the charter of constitution and it was not until a year later that it was formally set up. Eighteen (now 17) Governments joined the Organisation but income was not assured as it was not certain whether the countries would be willing to receive refugees.

WONDERFUL SUPPORT

"Things looked pretty bad in 1947," said Sir Arthur, "but since then we have had wonderful support. We have received assistance from the seventeen governments in many ways. We have, I think, done well."

The Organisation had now very nearly resettled over 900,000 people. They were able to find homes for some of the most difficult cases, the old, sick and TB patients. Norway had taken the blind, Sweden the tubercular cases, the United Kingdom all the refugees from Africa (particularly Poles). France had entered a generous agreement to look after refugees still there in addition to taking in the old and the sick.

"I have just come from Italy where I have completed the organisation," he said. "The Government has accepted responsibility for refugees whom we are unable to move out.

"The United States is not only the chief contributor to the IRO but it has also taken a very large number of people, about 300,000," added Sir Arthur.

PRAISE FOR ISRAEL

He said that Australia had taken 130,000 and would take more; Canada 100,000, New Zealand a couple of thousand. All countries of good will were making tremendous efforts towards the complete solving of the problem of displaced persons.

Sir Arthur praised Israel which had accepted practically all Jewish refugees willing to go to the land. This, he said, was a great help.

Sir Arthur said that they expected to close down the organisation towards the end of the coming year by which time they hoped they would have completed their task. Obviously, there would still be a few difficult cases where it would not be possible to make arrangements.

The Deputy Director General said that Mr P. Jacobsen, the Assistant Director General had just been on a visit to Australia where Sir Arthur had called earlier in his tour.

Sir Arthur said he arranged to meet Mr Jacobsen in Hongkong to have a look at the immediate problem here and to see what is to be done about the closing down of the office.

Born in London, where he resides, Sir Arthur Rucker was knighted in 1942. For many years he was with the Ministry of Health and during the Second World War was in Cairo after which he returned to the MOH from where he was seconded for work with the International Refugee Organisation in Geneva.

CHECK YOUR KNOWLEDGE
Answers

1. On the contrary. 2. In the St. Lawrence River, near Lake Ontario. 3. Brazil. 4. Frances Hodgson Burnett. 5. The Himalayas. 6. A small, two-masted boat.

Had Forged Cheque For $10,000

Sentence of six months' hard labour was passed on 18-year-old Ching To-shun, coolie and a native of Foochow, by Mr Reynolds at Central this morning after he had pleaded guilty to two charges of possession of a forged cheque and simple larceny.

Defendant was charged with possession of a Chase Bank forged cheque dated November 28 for $10,000 at the Chase Bank on November 29. Defendant was also charged with stealing three blank cheques Nos 137985, 139204 and 139211 on the Chase Bank, the property of Mildred G. Gordon.

Det-Sub-Insp. Asty, prosecuting, told the Court that defendant came to Hongkong from Foochow some three months ago and was employed as coolie at No. 36 MacDonald Road, the premises of Mr M.G. Gordon. As defendant could not speak English, he was dismissed but was given permission to stay in the servants' quarters pending his return to Foochow. On November 27, under the influence of a friend, defendant stole three blank cheques belonging to his mistress and handed them to the friend to be filled in. On November 29, when he presented a filled-in cheque to the Chase Bank, he was immediately detained by Police.

Given Benefit Of Doubt

John G. Crighton of "The Bungalow", 1 Treguner Path, May Road, who was summoned for not complying with a notice served by the Urban Council requiring him to take steps preventing mosquito breeding in the premises, was given the benefit of the doubt and discharged by Mr Hin-shing Lo at Central this morning.

Mr Lo held that there had been in fact a tin can containing stagnant water with mosquito larvae in the rear of the house found by Inspector Leung Takcheung of the Urban Council, but said that upon a review of the evidence, he doubted whether defendant was responsible for the tin can.

Further Evidence In Manslaughter Trial

Witness Cross-Examined

Resuming his evidence at the Criminal Sessions this morning Richard Alan Jones, Admiralty Police Officer, told the Court that the only reason he had said he thought the accused had been drinking was because he saw blood on the man's face and assumed he had been fighting.

Jones was giving evidence at the trial of Gordon Frederick Howard, 30, Chief Petty Officer of HMS Jamaica, who is charged with the manslaughter of Able Seaman David McManus, 26, of HMS Tamar, on June 18, following an incident which occurred at the Royal Naval Dockyard Police Club on the night of June 10-11.

Jones said he was just about to descend the staircase and had gone down one step when he turned around to see if his guests were following. When he looked to his front again he saw McManus going clear over the railings and the accused, who had been standing next to McManus, had turned and was grasping the railings looking into Ocean Road.

Witness returned to the top of the staircase and told his guests to go back into the guest room and await him. He then went down the staircase to where McManus lay. Howard was not then on the staircase when he went down. Witness went to the surgery for a stretcher and after fetching it he assisted in taking McManus back to the surgery.

Cross - examined by Mr Wright, witness agreed there had been a slight drizzle on the evening of June 10, and the ground was wet. He did not notice if the staircase was wet. As an Able Seaman, McManus was not entitled to membership in the Dockyard Police Club, and witness assumed he was there that night because he was there "to do a turn." He had no knowledge whether McManus had been invited to the function or not.

SAW NO INCIDENT

Jones said he saw McManus drinking during the evening, and McManus had consumed a large beer at his table, to which he had been invited by witness. For the rest of the time, he only noticed McManus dancing and did not observe whether he had been drinking at other tables. He had a slight acquaintance with McManus, as he used to meet the man in the Dockyard and had a few words with him, but he could not say he knew McManus very well. He had not seen McManus at previous Club functions.

Mr Wright: Did you see any incident in which the accused, Howard, got tangled up with members of the band?

Jones: No, I did not.

The first time you saw accused was on the front verandah? — That is correct.

Did you notice whether he had any sign of injury or blood on his face? — Yes, he did have blood blisters on his face. I think it was on his cheek.

You said McManus was supporting the accused as they went down the staircase. How was he supporting him?—McManus's left hand was on Howard's right shoulder.

You were quite close to them when you say you saw McManus sailing over the railings?—Yes.

INDISTINCTLY

During the time you saw them going down the staircase, did you hear either of them saying anything?—They were speaking to each other, but I could not hear the conversation.

Were they speaking in a low tone so you could not hear or were they speaking indistinctly?—They were speaking indistinctly.

Did you pause on the step long in looking back at your guests?—It was a matter of a few seconds.

Just sufficient to satisfy you they were coming along?—Yes.

And then you turned your head back again and in the space of those few seconds something happened and McManus went over the railings?—Yes.

You cannot give the reason why he went over the railings?—I am afraid I cannot.

You were quite close to them and you are quite clear that once McManus was over the railings the accused turned and was holding the railings facing Ocean Road?—I am quite clear about that.

Did you pause for a short time after McManus went over before you went back?—I went straight back before my guests got out to the staircase.

Did you notice Dickin (another Admiralty Police Officer who had given evidence on Monday) dashing down the steps at that time?—I did not notice him.

HEARD NO CRY

Just before the time McManus went clear over the railings and while he was falling, did you hear anybody cry out?—I heard no cry at all.

From neither the accused nor the deceased?—No.

Did you at that time see accused and deceased pause and face one another on the steps?—I cannot say I did.

While you saw McManus going over and while he had gone over did you notice Howard at any time leaning to the right or left?—After deceased had gone over and when I noticed the accused he had turned facing Ocean Road and was holding the railings. I did not see him leaning one way or the other.

Did you see anybody pass you and go down the staircase?—No.

Did you see anyone preceding you down the stairs apart from the accused and the deceased?—No, I did not.

When you saw the accused facing Ocean Road with his hands on the railings did you hear him say anything?—No.

You used the expression about McManus that he "sailed" over the railings. I want to be clear about that. Was his body curved or was it straight when he went over?—His body was straight. He went over head first.

When you saw McManus in Ocean Road, was he lying on his face or back?—He was lying on his back.

From what you saw of the accused that evening, do you consider he had some drink taken?—He seemed to be quite capable of supporting himself without any assistance when I first saw him.

UNSUPPORTED

At any time after you saw him to the spot where McManus went over the railings did you see the accused by himself unsupported?—He was unsupported when I saw him on the front verandah. There were two or three people near him in a group.

Did you notice whether any one of that group was supporting the accused?—There was no one supporting him, but I would not be absolutely positive.

On going down the stairs you say he was being helped?—Yes.

You said in the Lower Court that Howard appeared to have been drinking. Did accused appear to have had a few drinks taken?—When I first saw the accused I took for granted that he had had a few drinks as his face had blood and I thought he had been involved in a fight.

You noticed nothing more about his demeanour, his eyes, for instance?—No.

And your only reason for assuming he had been drinking was that he had blood on his face and appeared to have been involved in a fight?—Yes.

The trial is continuing.

"The Flying Angel" Is Being Renovated

The Sailors' Home & Seamen's Institute at Gloucester Road, a building in Hongkong still carrying its "war paint" is today undergoing a big change.

The renovation taking place to the interior will, two weeks from today, afford the hundreds of seafarers living there all the comforts and luxuries of a modern hotel.

Known to all seamen as "The Flying Angel" this old landmark on the waterfront is having all its hundred odd rooms and dormitories spray-painted in various colours and shades.

Special care is being given to the changes made in the lounges, rest room, reading room and recreation room where hundreds of seafarers of all nationalities gather daily. Colours for the walls and furnishings are chosen to give the rooms a cheerful atmosphere, and all old furniture is being replaced by new and modern types.

It is planned to make the dining room, where scores of seamen have their meals when ashore, look more like a cafeteria than a mess hall.

The big theatre, sometimes used as a special dormitory in an emergency, is being completely changed. It will be properly equipped with all the necessary footlights, spotlights, scenery and curtains.

Two new billiard tables, still in their crates, will be added to the recreation room to ease the great demand for this favourite pastime.

Special attention is also being given to the 90 odd bedrooms to give them a more "homely" atmosphere. In the main dormitories all old beds and furniture are being renewed and special lights are being added.

Rev. W. J. Haig-Brown, the chaplain said that this renovation has been long overdue and the approval given by the committee to have this done could not have come at a more opportune moment.

An appeal for a special fund to give seafarers a special Christmas dinner and a first-class programme during the festival week is being made to the public.

INTELLIGENCE TEST
SOLUTION

If all three players paid money to S, he must have won all three rubbers.

Also, no rubber can have come to more than 6 points, or there would have been a second winner.

So we need only consider these possibilities:

(i) 6 0 1 (ii) 6 0 2 (iii) 6 1 2
(iv) 6 0 3 (v) 6 1 3

It will be found that three of the above result in one player's losing 2 points more than another player's.

Viz: (ii) the losers are 1, 2, 2 points;
(iii) the losers are 0, 1, 1 points;
(v) the losers are 0, 1, 2 points.

(iii) and (v) are excluded by A's proposition that at least one player lost more than did.

So, on the figures, A lost (ii) 0 lost and 1 won (v).

Therefore, assuming no fees were paid,

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